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Assembly demands Israeli pullout

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 16 (R) — The General Assembly Tuesday demanded Israel's complete and unconditional withdrawal from all Palestinian and other Arab territories occupied since the 1967 Middle East war. It also requested the Security Council to meet to "consider the situation and the adoption of effective measures" under the sanctions provisions of the U.N. Charter.

The vote on the resolution, which also reaffirmed the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and to establish their own independent state, was 98 to 16, with 32 abstentions.

Other parts of the draft expressed grave concern that no just solution to the Palestinian problem had been achieved and that Security Council Resolution 242, which set peace guidelines after the 1957 war, "does not provide for the future and the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people."

The paragraph calling for Council sanctions was endorsed in a separate vote by 94 to 18. There were 34 abstentions. The resolution was the most important of five dealing with the Palestinian question adopted Tuesday following a debate on the subject earlier this month.

In another draft approved by 86 votes to 22, with 240 abstentions, the Assembly reaffirmed its rejection of the 1978 Camp David accord which became the basis for the peace agreement between Egypt and Israel the following year. Camp David was not mentioned by name in the text, which spoke only of "the accords." But a preamble referred to sections of a report by the U.N.'s Palestine Rights Committee which spelled out opposition to the agreement reached under United States auspices at Camp David.

The resolution reaffirmed the Assembly's rejection of those provisions of the accords which ignore, infringe, violate or deny the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including the right of return, the right of self-determination and the right to national independence and sovereignty in Palestine. In the same resolution the assembly expressed its strong opposition to "all partial agreements and separate treaties which constitute a flagrant violation of the rights of the

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Carter offers F15s ahead of schedule

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP) — The administration of U.S. President Jimmy Carter, anxious to avert a souring in relations, has offered to begin deliveries of F15 fighter planes to Saudi Arabia next month, a year ahead of schedule. But it deferred a decision on the bomb racks and extra fuel tanks with which the Kingdom want to equip the planes.

U.S. officials told the Associated Press that the offer of speed-up deliveries was made last month by Gen. David Jones, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, while he was on a visit to Saudi Arabia. The Kingdom has not replied. They have held out for the bomb racks and fuel tanks, which would increase the firepower and more than double the range of the F15s.

Carter is deferring a decision on the supplemental equipment and may not make one before his term ends Jan. 20. But he is willing to provide Saudi Arabia with the jets a year ahead of schedule if the Kingdom wants them, said the officials, who asked not to be identified.

Carter took the decision to sell 60 F15s to Saudi Arabia in 1978.

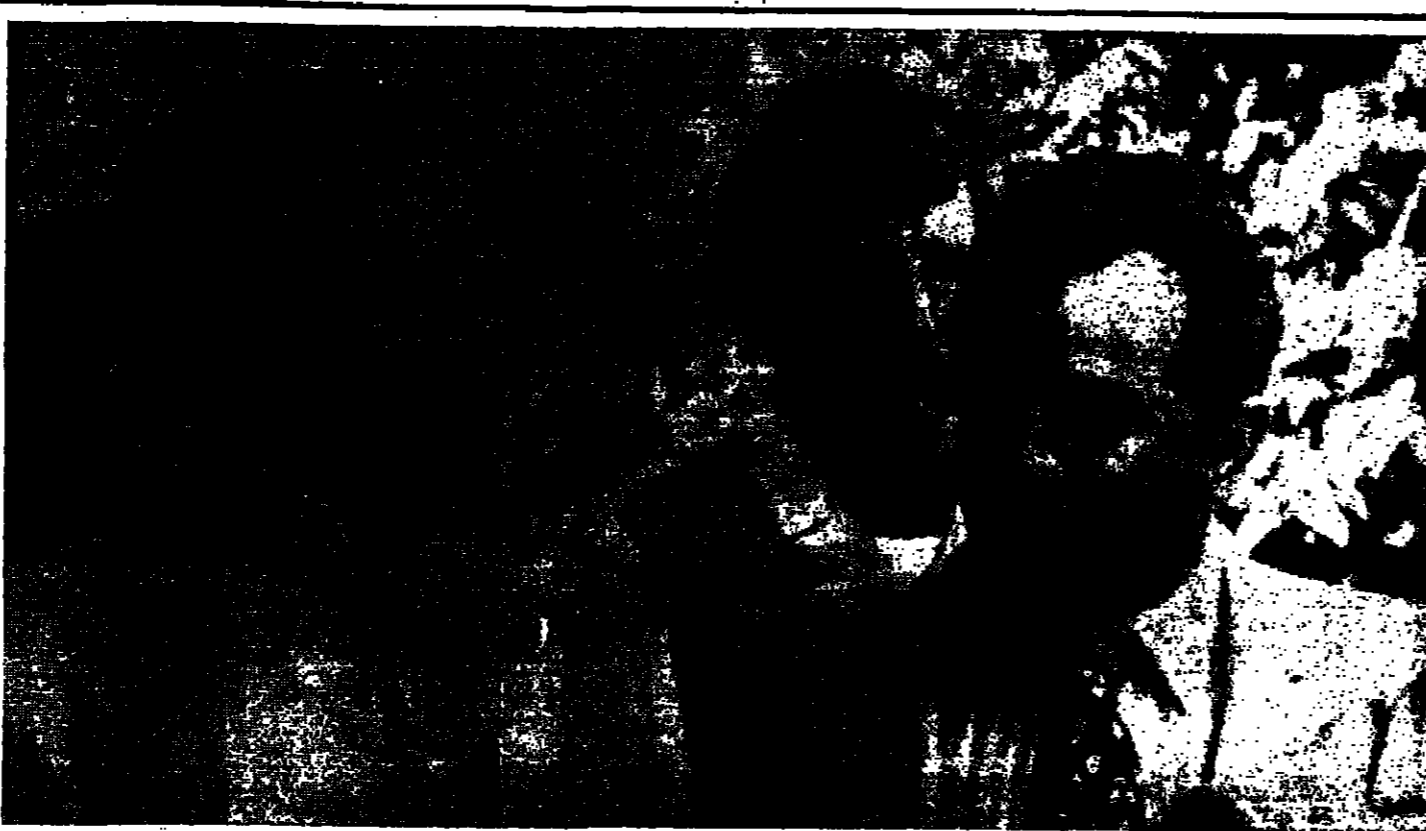
Syria, Libya continue merger talks

DAMASCUS, Dec. 16 (AP) — President Hafez Assad of Syria and Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi held a second round of talks in Libya's Mediterranean port city of Benghazi on the projected merger of the two Arab countries, the official Syrian news agency Sana reported.

It said the talks concentrated on a blueprint the Syrian side proposed on the structural process to bring the merger about, including basic principles and general guidelines. Libya and Syria, 850 kilometers apart by air, agreed to merge last September in a move by the two Soviet-armed countries to strengthen the Arab confrontation of Israel.

Assad flew to Benghazi Monday and held the first round of talks with Qaddafi in the evening. Sana did not spell out the details of the Syrian merger blueprint nor report the outcome of either round of discussions.

Observers in the Syrian capital do not expect a speedy agreement on the merger's executive, legislative and judicial structure because of the wide differences in the social, economic and political systems of the two



YAMANI: Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani walks with his aides toward OPEC conference hall in Bali Tuesday morning.

Suez Canal opens to supertankers

PORT SAID, Egypt, Dec. 16 (AP) — The 111-year-old Suez Canal was declared opened Tuesday to supertanker traffic, nearly halving the distance the oil-bearing ships travel from the Middle East to the West. The ceremony marking the completion of the first stage of expanding the Canal five years after it was reopened was attended by President Anwar Sadat who called the waterway an "artery of prosperity, peace and love."

Closed in the wake of the 1967 Mideast war the 101-mile waterway was reopened in 1975, and work began immediately to widen it and deepen it. Suez Canal Authority officials said earlier this year the aim of the expansion project was to make the canal as attractive as possible to shippers to compete with the ground routes that developed during its closure. The alternate wider sea route around the Cape of Good Hope, and the appearance of the giant oil-bearing supertankers.

Iraq will not free captured Iranian minister

By Edward Thangarajah
Special Correspondent

BANGKOK, Dec. 16 — Captured Iranian Oil Minister Muhammad Javad Tongdgyan will not be freed under any conditions, said Iraqi Foreign Minister Dr. Saadoun Hammadi who is here on a four-day official visit.

Under international law, Tongdgyan is a prisoner of war. He was in the area and definitely took part in the war. He has no immunity under international law, Dr. Hammadi said. Dr. Hammadi and a eight-man party are here to create the atmosphere to open dialogue between the Arab League and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in order to strengthen economic relationship between the two regional groupings.

He said he sees the ASEAN as a regional grouping of developing countries which play an important economic role and also contribute to maintaining peace and security in the region.

"I would like to see stronger relationship between Arab countries and the ASEAN because we could, through mutual exchanges progress fast," he said.

He added his visit to Thailand is also aimed at strengthening bilateral trade between the two countries. Tuesday he had talks with Sidi Savetsila, Thailand's foreign minister, called on the country's Prime Minister Gen. Prem Tinsulanonda and met with Deputy Prime Minister Boonchu Rojanasathien.

When asked how much longer the Iraq-Iran war will last, Dr. Hammadi said: "It will be some time yet. Some peace initiatives have been proposed by the United Nations and the nonaligned countries. We welcome them but hope the Iranian leaders will listen and accept the realistic situation."

But, they added, shippers were also making changes that enabled them to use the Canal more frequently. Cancelling orders for supertankers and using smaller ships, and, affected by the rising cost of oil and decreasing consumption, moving less of it.

The Suez Canal route bring the distance between the Horn of Africa to New York down from 10,393 miles to 6,916 miles, with an even greater proportional cut in the distance to Europe.

Frogs to be protected

PARIS, Dec. 16 (AFP) — Frogs — that great French delicacy — are looking forward to a happy new year, for they are to be protected in 1981 under new nature conservation restrictions announced Tuesday.

But the regulations, the first in French history on the side of the frogs, still allow green and russet frogs to be caught provided they are eaten in the home.

Gourmets will not be disappointed, however, as restaurants have for years been importing frozen frogs' legs from Eastern Europe.

53 feet, and widening it in places by means of bypasses. The waterway can now accommodate loaded ships of 150,000 tons, and empty ones of 340,000 tons.

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Suez Canal Authority Chairman Mashour named Mashour said that with the expected boost in shipping, now that the Canal can accommodate supertankers, the debt should be paid off in "four or five years."

The canal is one of Egypt's main sources of hard currency. With completion of the expansion project, and the increase in rates which goes into effect next month, this is expected to bring in up to \$1.1 billion in revenues, Mashour said.



NOBEL PRIZE: Prof. Lawrence Klein, University of Pennsylvania, receiving the 1980 Nobel Prize in economics from the King Carl Gustaf in Stockholm Wednesday.



REAGAN CABINET: From top left are Drew Lewis; William French Smith; Donald Regan; Caspar Weinberger; Mac Baldridge; William Casey; Richard Schweiker and Dave Stockman.

OPEC agrees to boost prices

By John Rossant
Arab News Correspondent

BALI, Dec. 16 — Ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries ended their two-day conference here Tuesday with a broad compromise agreement that will result in price increase for most OPEC crudes by Jan. 1.

Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, the Kingdom's minister of petroleum and mineral resources, told reporters late Monday night that Saudi Arabia had decided to increase the price of its oil.

It was made clear Tuesday that the Saudi increase would amount to around seven per cent, from \$ 30 a barrel to \$ 32.

The prices of other OPEC crudes, though, will likely increase by some ten per cent by the first of next month, according to Humberto Calderon Berti, the Venezuelan oil minister. The result will be "a nine per cent increase in the cost of OPEC oil," according to one OPEC source Tuesday.

The broad agreement gives OPEC producers a free rein to set their prices up to a ceiling of forty one dollars a barrel, an increase from the previous ceiling of \$ 37, agreed to by OPEC last June in Algiers.

OPEC's Secretary-General Rene Ortiz explained to Arab News that "it is difficult to determine how the supply/demand situation will be in the next few months. So we might as well take measures to prevent prices going beyond \$41."

Essentially, the agreement broadens the concept of a marker crude, which OPEC countries use as a reference point to price their own oil, according to differentials of quality and distance from consumers.

The marker crude has historically been Saudi Arabian Light, which is OPEC's most abundantly produced oil. But Arabian Light has in reality ceased to be the reference marker used by most OPEC countries over the past two years because of widening differences among producers over how to raise the price of oil.

"Since the Iranian revolution," said Ortiz Tuesday, "when the price structure of OPEC became distorted, we haven't had a basis of a marker crude."

Tuesday's agreement allows producers to set their own "marker" between \$32 a barrel and \$36. Since premium African crude oils, for example, have recently been priced at around \$5 above the reference marker, an African producer could now demand \$41 a barrel of oil it chose to use a marker of \$36.

Some oil ministers expressed a measure of disappointment with the agreement. "It is a step ahead," said Abdul Salim Zaagar of Libya after the meeting was concluded, "but we wanted something better."

The hawkishness displayed here, which included calls by some ministers for a price increase to \$45 a barrel, is primarily due to the market tightness caused by the loss of close to four million barrels a day of exports from Iraq and Iran.

The entire two days of he meetings was continually overshadowed by the Gulf conflict, and specially by Iran's insistent demand here that Iraq immediately set free Tehran's Oil Minister Muhammad Javad Tongdgyan, who was captured Oct. 31 while touring oil installations near Abadan.

The presence of Iraq and Iran here meant a vast security headache for the 2,000 crack Indonesian troops brought to Bali for the conference. After reports Monday night that terrorists had infiltrated the island, machine guns were set up outside ministers' villas in the tightly guarded Pertamina cottages here.

The conference also took a number of other matters including a decision to study setting up an OPEC-funded technical institute for the Third World. The next official OPEC conference will convene in May, 1981 in Geneva, it was decided Tuesday.



NEW PRICE: OPEC's Secretary-General Rene Ortiz announces Tuesday the new oil price at the end of the organization's meeting in Bali.

SR5.7 billion university deal signed

RIYADH, Dec. 16 — The President of Riyadh University Dr. Mansour Al Turki signed Tuesday a SR5.7 billion contract for the construction of eight facilities and their infrastructure with a consortium of American and French companies.

The contract was awarded to Bouygues and Blount Brothers International of Alabama after years of negotiations. Work is due for completion within 40 months. It includes colleges of arts, business administration, education, sciences, pharmacology, agriculture, engineering and dentistry in addition to other subsidiary buildings and services.

Dr. Turki expressed his appreciation for the encouragement and final approval by Crown Prince Fahd for the project. He was been following the project from the beginning until now, he said.

King receives ambassadors

RIYADH, Dec. 16 (SPA) — King Khaled Tuesday received Director General of the Society for the Promotion of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Muhammad Al Sheikh. Sheikh Abdul Aziz expressed his appreciation to the King for the new regulations to organize the work of the society, and improve the working conditions of the staff.

King Khaled praised the work of the society and said the government will extend to it every possible assistance to carry out its duties on the basis of the Islamic Sharia. He attached great importance to the work of the society and said it should set a good example to others in behavior and performance of duty.

Meanwhile the King received credentials of the ambassadors of New Zealand, Portugal, Belgium, Bahrain, Burundi and Mauritius. The ceremonies were attended by Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal special advisor Dr. Rashad Pharaon; Sheikh Muhammad Al Nuwaiser, chief of the royal cabinet; Ahmad Abdul Wahab, chief of the royal protocol; Salem Sunbul, chief of protocol at the foreign office; and General Abdullah Busaily, commander of the Royal Guard.

King Khaled sent a message of congratulations to the Ruler of Bahrain Sheikh Issa bin Salman on the anniversary of the country's national day.

Linowitz meets Begin on autonomy

TEL AVIV, Dec. 16 (AP) — American Mideast ambassador Sol Linowitz met briefly Tuesday with Prime Minister Menahem Begin after arriving in Israel from Cairo on the second leg of a shuttle to discuss Palestinian autonomy negotiations. Begin was chairing a stormy cabinet session on the budget overshadowed by resignation threats from finance minister Yigael Hurvitz, but left the meeting to greet Linowitz. They spent 15 minutes together and were scheduled to hold longer talks Wednesday.

Linowitz told reporters that he briefed Begin on his meeting with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, and gave Begin the substance of messages from President Carter and President-elect Ronald Reagan. Linowitz added that one of his objectives is to write an agreed summary of the 21-month-old autonomy talks for the Palestinian Arabs to the West Bank and Gaza Strip. He said outcome of his visit may be announced at the end of his trip Thursday, sources said.

"We want to agree on a course of procedure to insure that the negotiations go forward," he said. In Cairo Linowitz told reporters he was preparing a list of issues for negotiation that would be handed to Reagan's foreign policy team.

The envoy said Reagan's message to the Israeli leader is the same as the assurances given to Sadat. Both are oral, Linowitz said, and the Egyptian president "is satisfied. He took it at face value."

He stressed the Reagan message was a "general reassurance" the new administration planned continued support for the Egyptian-Israeli attempts to create some form of autonomy for the 1.5 million Palestinians living on the Gaza Strip and West Bank of the Jordan River, captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war.

The envoy, who was submitted his resignation because he says the job should go to someone personally close to the president, warned that neither Reagan nor the Egyptians should allow the apparently stalled talks to languish. He said also that substantial progress has been made, even though Sadat suspended the formal talks after Israel in July annexed Arab East Jerusalem as its capital.

After Monday's meeting with Sadat, the envoy said that the Egyptian president expressed his wish to meet Reagan in the near future. Linowitz said the president-elect and his team were aware of the importance of the autonomy problem in the Israeli-occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza.

At King Abdul Aziz University Majed opens cultural week

JEDDAH, Dec. 16 (SPA) — Mecca Governor Prince Majed inaugurated King Abdul Aziz University's cultural season and fielded questions from students on various questions Monday.

Prince Majed told the group he was pleased to be among scholars, intellectuals and students. He replied to various queries regarding Om Al-Qura University, student incentives and the role university youths play in the country's development and in their personal lives. Youths are the nation's wealth and should be armed with science and religious faith.

In another development, the Higher Board of Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University held its first meeting for its academic year. The meeting was held under Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie, who is the acting minister of higher education and chancellor of

Saudi Arabian universities.

The meeting was attended Monday by the university's rector, Dr. Abdullah Abdul Mohsen Al-Turaiki, undersecretaries and secretary general Dr. Abdullah Al-Shibl. The higher board discussed the conditions of the Faculties of Sharia and Arabic Language in the south and their scientific divisions, Dr. Shibl said.

The board approved the conditions undertaken by the university for the entitlement of housing allowance for Saudi Arabian teaching staff members, lecturers and assistant lecturers. Housing allowance for married students also was increased to SR1,000 per month in consistency with policy adopted by other universities.

The board decided to treat lecturers deputized for collecting scientific data as deputized employees provided that the period not be

more than three months. Administrative and academic issues regarding the university's Higher Institute for Islamic Dawa branch in Medina also were considered, Dr. Shabl said.

Meanwhile, the University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran will organize a seminar on the role played by student affairs departments in developing the personality of Muslim university student, morally and intellectually, the university announced Tuesday.

The three-day seminar will be attended by senior education officials. The opening session will be attended by Dr. Bakr Abdullah Bakr, rector of UPM; Dr. Abdullah Abdul Mohsen Al-Turaiki, rector of Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic university; and Dr. Abdullah Omar Nassif, rector of King Abdul Aziz university in Jeddah — in addition to former deans of students affairs in Saudi Arabian universities.

SR200m Marriott opened

Salman lauds hotel company's achievements

RIYADH, Dec. 16 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman who opened the SR200 million Marriott Hotel Monday for the Saudi Hotels and Resort Areas company praised Tuesday the company's achievements. He said it was set up by the government with public sector participation to provide first class hotels in the country. The rising demand for good hotel accommodations sparked the endeavor, he added. The governor said he encourages the private sector to build hotels, motels and rest houses in some of the more remote parts of the country since cities have an adequate number of hotels.

"There already are some agreements between the municipality and other parties to do this," he said. "Although Riyadh may be self-sufficient at present, other areas could still do with a few similar projects," he added.



Prince Salman was accompanied by Sheikh Hassan Mishari, chairman of the board for the company and Sheikh Abdullah Al Naim, mayor of the capital.

Mishari said the company already built two hotels in Riyadh's Khurais area, and Dhahran. It now is building a fourth hotel in Mecca, which should be ready in two years. It will be managed by Intercontinental, which already is managing one in the outskirts of the holy city, the Riyadh Intercontinental and the one under construction in Jeddah.

The company has other projects, Mishari said, including a joint complex of hotels and commercial buildings in Dammam in part-

nership with the Geneva Railroad Corporation. This will be a joint venture amounting to SR 300 million. A design contract for it was awarded to an international consulting company. It will comprise a market, parking lots, office building and a hotel. Prince Salman said the company will join the Riyadh municipality to provide recreational services in the capital. One of these will include the present airport, which will be scrapped once the new international airport is completed. Part of the old airport will have a garden park, which will serve the people.

He referred to the decision by the Ministry of Finance and National Economy not to suspend loans for more first class hotels in the main towns of the Kingdom and said that this implied that there were enough hotels already. "But the government will review such a decision should the need arise in the future," he said.

To provide funds for the company's projects the shareholders agreed last year to increase the paid-up capital from SR300 million to SR500 million. The government holds 20 per cent of the equity, the founders 20 per cent, the general public a little more than 50 per cent, and the General Organization for Social Insurance holds the remaining shares. It was founded four years ago due to an acute hotel shortage following the launching of the second five year plan in 1975.



LOAN: Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al Khail (right), minister of finance and national economy, and Taiwan Finance Minister C.C. Chang (left) signed an agreement for a \$45 million loan for power development projects in Taiwan.

Taipower receives \$45m loan

TAIPEI, Dec. 16 (CNA) — The government-run Taiwan Power Company (Taipower) signed a \$45 million loan agreement with Saudi Arabia Dec. 5.

The loan, which will be guaranteed by the Ministry of Finance, will have a term of 18 years, with the interest set at 4.5 per cent per year. According to the state firm, the loan will be used to finance the development of electricity projects.

Taipower has also secured a \$50 million

loan from Morgan Guaranty and Trust Co. of the United States to purchase equipment from American manufacturers for some power development projects. With a grace period of four years, the loan carries an interest rate of 0.625 per cent over Libor (London interbank offered rate) and will be repayable over 10 years. In addition, the loan will bear a 0.5 per cent commitment fee and 0.375 per cent management fee.

Envoys discuss children's fund

JEDDAH, Dec. 16 (SPA) — Ambassadors posted in Saudi Arabia from Arab Gulf countries discussed the idea of an independent Arab fund for financing U.N. humanitarian and developmental programs with Prince Talal ibn Abdul Aziz, an honorary secretary to United Nations Secretary General Dr. Kurt Waldheim.

Prince Talal also is an assistant secretary general for the U.N. International Childrens

Water-related contracts awarded

RIYADH, Dec. 16 (SPA) — The Ministry of Agriculture and Water signed two contracts worth SR 26.5 million for importing plastic and asbestos-cement pipes for the third part of phase V of Jeddah's water project Tuesday.

The contracts, signed by Agriculture and Water Minister Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, were awarded to two specialist Saudi

Emergency Fund. The ambassadors proposed that the fund's headquarters be located in Bahrain, and establishing U.N. offices in Gulf states. A committee was established to study the project and submit recommendations for the fund's name and statutes. The recommendations will go to the Gulf countries. Also, the ambassadors pledged contributions for the fund. Saudi Arabia already donated \$50 million.

Arabian firms, it was reported. Phase V of the water project covers Salama district, Medina Road, most of Mecca Road and other districts in Jeddah. By the completion of this phase, the ministry would have covered 90 per cent of Jeddah with water networks.

Meanwhile Dr. Sheikh agreed to award a contract for house connections in the town of Bikiriyah, which will cost SR 3 million. The contract was awarded to a national company and will take ten months to carry out.

Motor show billed as largest

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 16 — Riyadh's first permanent exhibition center will display the Kingdom's biggest motor show next month. Al Dhiafa Exhibition center also will play host to five other exhibitions in 1981, including four international exhibitions. The showings will be for Saudi Food in February, the Riyadh Fair in March, Saudi Business and Saudi Education in April and Saudi Build in October.

In cooperation with Sports Auto, the Arabic Motoring magazine, the center will hold the first motor show in the capital of Riyadh on Jan. 20. Leading American, European and Japanese manufacturers will bring their latest models to the local consumer to give him the widest possible choice.

The permanent center is set up in Olaya near Intercontinental Hotel, and occupies 12,000 square meters, of which 6,000 square meters is a covered area fully equipped with display facilities. The motor show will feature the world's racing formula one grand prix champion Alan Jones. Jones will attend and display his winning Saudi/Williams-Leyland racing car.

A ceremonial opening will be held on the first day of the show and opens daily from 5 to 10 p.m. to the public. Representatives from international motoring magazines in the United States, Europe and Japan were invited by the organizers to cover the show. At the end of the two-day show, the organizers will present to members of the public a Japanese car and free airline tickets to attend international motor shows in various countries.

At Riyadh Motor Show '81, the public will see a large variety of the international automobile industry. Passenger cars lead the list of products. Also the latest motorcycle models, industrial and construction vehicles, automotive parts, machinery tools and related products will be shown.

Identity cards planned

TABUK, Dec. 16 — Identity cards will be issued to Saudi Arabian nationals instead of the present papers of identity. The cards will be registered in a computer, which will contain all the relevant data about the holder, according to Dr. Ibrahim Al Awaji, deputy minister of the interior.

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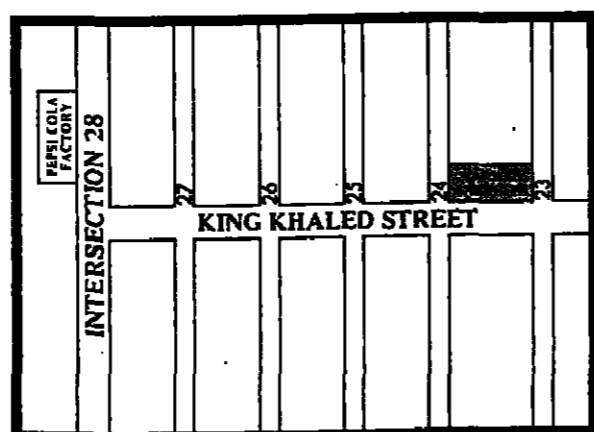
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Quarantine services discussed

Ministers review housing projects

RIYADH, Dec. 16 (SPA) — The Council of Ministers reviewed housing projects throughout the Kingdom, according to information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani. The two-hour meeting was chaired by Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard.

Islamic leader cables thanks to Khaled

DAMMAM, Dec. 16 (SPA) — Secretary General of the Muslim World League Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan sent cables of thanks to King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd Monday on behalf of the Constituent Assembly of the Continental Council of Mosques for Europe currently meeting in Brussels.

The cables expressed their appreciation of King Khaled's and the crown prince's attention to affairs of Muslim all over the world in general, and their moral and financial assistance to the Higher World Council of Mosques, in particular.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Public Works and Housing, Damman branch, is supervising the construction of three mosques in Damman, Hays and Khafji. The three projects will cost SR 30 million in total, an official of the ministry said Tuesday.

The work sites already have been handed over to the contractors so that construction can begin soon. The Damman branch is also supervising renovations of some government departments buildings in the Eastern Province. The renovation projects were estimated to cost SR 40 million, according to the assistant director of the branch.

system for limited-income Saudis and approved a set of recommendations submitted to it by a ministerial committee that had been created for that purpose.

Dr. Yamani said the council also approved recommendations by Health Minister Dr. Hussein Jazaari regarding health in the Kingdom, particularly quarantine services.

Last January the Council of Ministers announced that rent for homes occupied during 1975 was increased ten per cent. Homes occupied before 1975 had rents raised by 15 per cent. A Jeddah landlord described the increases as "fair to both the tenants and landlords." The landlord said the decision safeguards the development of the housing industry.

A real estate agent told Arab News that the increases did not hurt tenants who rented during 1975 "at extremely low rent." He said the cabinet decision affected five-year-old

rents that now require extensive repair. "Most of the increases will be spent for that purpose," he added. The agent also agreed that the increase will compensate for the relatively low rents which prevailed up to 1975.

However, since then a leading real estate agent and dealer have forecast a downward trend in rental costs for first-class apartments located in the major cities during the next two years. Lutfi Al Zainy, owner of Zainy Real Estate Agencies, said rates will fall to the "reasonable price of about SR 15,000 a year." The present average is about SR 25,000 to SR 40,000. In an interview with Saudi Business magazine, Al Zainy predicted the rent will be nearly one third that was charged and paid only four years ago, but still twice as much as paid in the late sixties and early seventies before the boom that brought the quadrupling of oil prices.

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Institute to be built

JEDDAH, Dec. 16 — A training institute for the maintenance of oil refining installations will be built by Petromin early next year. The institute will train 200 candidates for periods ranging from three to six months.

Nazer gives lecture

MEDINA, Dec. 16 — Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer talked about the current five year plan to members of the Medina Literary Club Tuesday. The minister answered questions from the audience.

Academy to open

JEDDAH, Dec. 16 — The King Khaled Military Academy of the National Guard will be opened in Riyadh within 12 months according to the National Guard magazine published recently. The contract for SR460 million was awarded to a German company two years ago.

Highway planned

JEDDAH, Dec. 16 — A new express way

linking Mecca and Riyadh will be built within two years according to Muhammad Abdullah Asrah, director of roads projects here. He said the new highway will ease the pressure on the present road.

Ministry plans housing

JEDDAH, Dec. 16 — The Interior Ministry's plans for housing its personnel will be implemented during the next few months when work on the first phase of 12,000 units will commence in 25 towns across the country.

Girls' school scheduled

HASA, Dec. 16 (SPA) — Hasa Girls' Education Directorate has allocated SR26.7 million for building 17 primary, intermediate and secondary schools during the present academic year. The schools will be located in Hofuf, Kout, Naathel, Rugaigah, Mubarak, Jaf, Jash, Qarah, Mutairif, Marah, Markaz, Tuwaisir, Sabat and Ain Dar Al-Jadidah.



Dr. Ghazi Algosaihi

COMMENT

By Abdul Aziz Al-Tamimi
Al-Balad

A 17-year-old girl stood before a European court in self-defense against abortions. She asked members of the jury: "Where were you when you authorized illicit relations between a boy and a girl? Is it not you who encouraged us and opened vistas before us for this kind of relation? Doesn't the society feel that the big problem we are facing can only be solved through this undesirable method?"

The case and the prosecution are not unique in their nature. In a number of Western countries, tens of thousands of young girls face this painful fate of abortion, which either culminates in their death or results in the birth of illegitimate children destined to live on pavements, quite deprived of the affection and love of their parents.

According to statistics of London's Social Studies Center, nearly 80,000 official abortions are carried out daily in European capitals. Besides, more than 300,000 abortions take place secretly in other European states not in favor of abortion.

The statistics say further that many European girls under 15 years of age have become mothers. In Italy alone, there are nearly 10,000 such girls, most of whom live an aimless and desperate life. The eventual result of the error is seen in an attempt to get rid of the unborn baby before being compelled to leave him or her on pavements for the mercy of passers-by. There are orphanages for such babies, but they suffer from congestion as a result of daily increasing numbers of illegitimate babies.

The Italian magazine "Anna Bella" quotes statistics to prove that Italy had 180,000 illegitimate babies by 1973, but their number rose to 230,000 by 1975. One wonders why this great social evil is eating up the countries of the West?

For children's center

Algosaihi receives donations

RIYADH, Dec. 16 (SPA) — Minister of Industry and Electricity, Dr. Ghazi Algosaihi, received a new list of donations totaling SR 710,000 from individuals and firms.

Dr. Algosaihi also is director of the Handicapped Children's Center project. The center will be built in Riyadh and costs SR 70 million. In a booklet published a few months ago, Dr. Algosaihi, who is sponsoring the project, said the center will accommodate 60 children handicapped by brain damage. The children will be from five to 12 years old. It will provide education, training, medical

treatment and recreation. Their families will be given counseling to help them treat the children better, he said. There The center will employ specialists, doctors, nurses and teachers to care the children.

Donations already have been given by King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd and institutions like the Islamic Welfare Society, the King Faisal Welfare Foundation and the Riyadh Welfare Society. Last September, the center received another SR 1.4 million from various individuals and companies.

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Ank initiates construction

ANK, Dec. 16 (SPA) — Ank Municipality is carrying out construction projects here and nearby areas at a total cost of SR 651.2 million, officials reported Tuesday. The projects include building sewage networks compensating owners of expropriated land, asphalt paving and illumination of streets, building markets, public toilets and fencing graveyards.

Compensation for expropriated land to begin new streets, widen streets and other public works amounted to SR 46.2 million in Ank alone. The municipality has begun paying the compensation to beneficiaries. Other towns benefiting from the projects include Jash and Milaha.

In a separate development, the Higher

Committee for planning towns in the Oasim Region met recently under Oasim Governor Prince Abdul Illah. The committee reviewed reports submitted by planning sub-committees for Buraidah, Unaizah and Rass.

The committee approved planning for these areas in order to distribute plots for citizens who fulfill the limited income people's grant conditions. The committee permitted construction of highrise buildings in the main streets of Oasim's towns. Some of the buildings will rise up to 12 stories. Building of a public garden in Buraidah and specifying a land plot nearby for a scientific public library were also approved by the committee.

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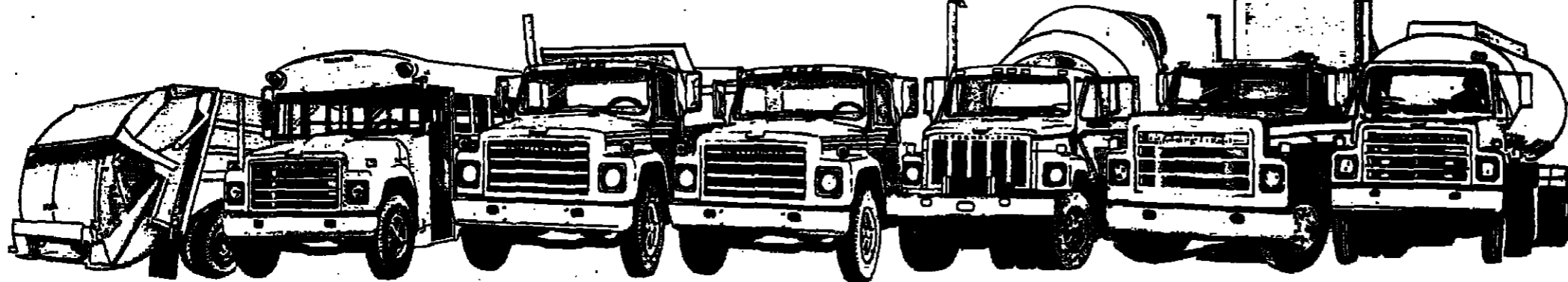
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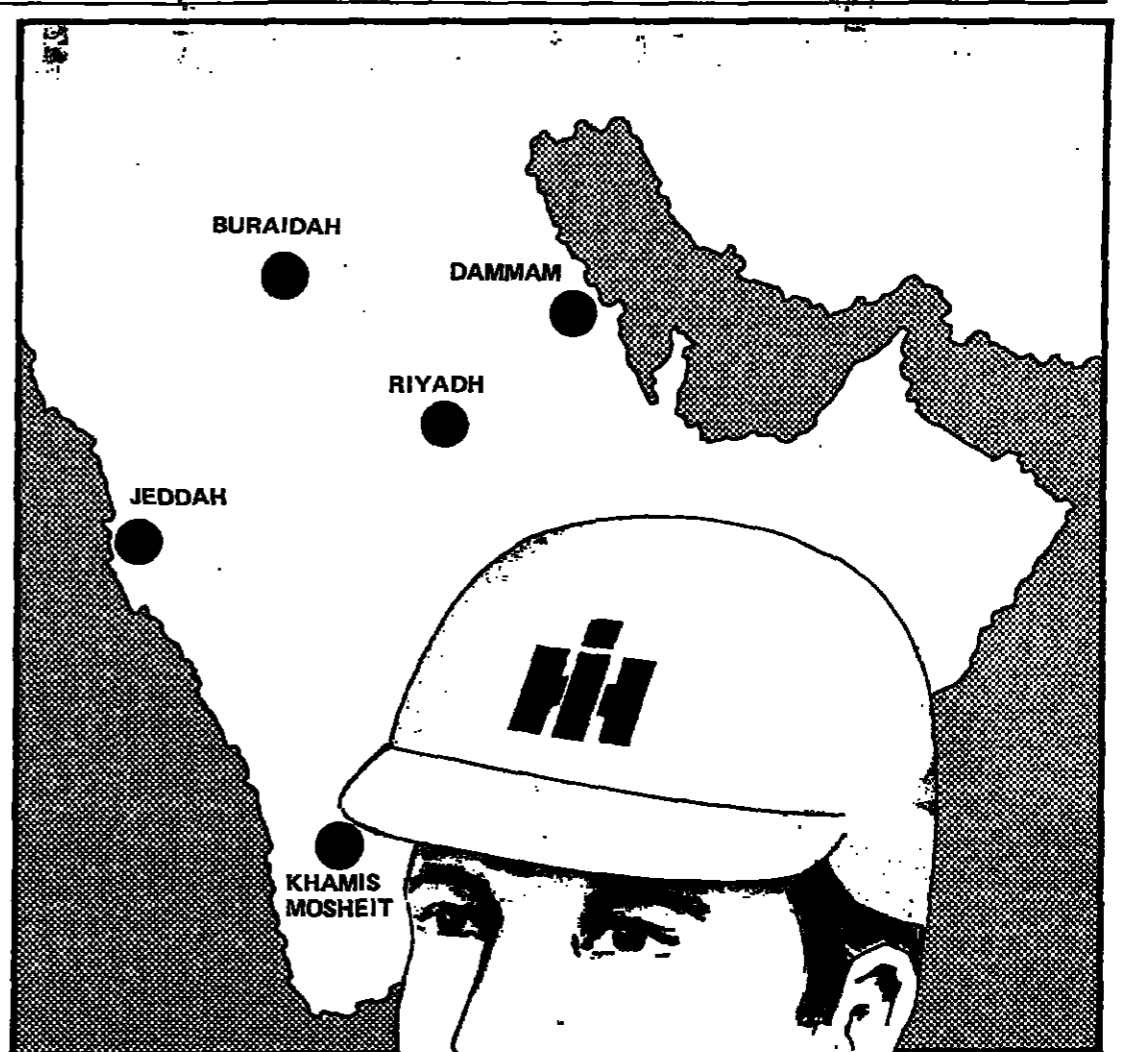
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Lebanon calls on U.N. to bolster UNIFIL role

BEIRUT, Dec. 16 (Agencies) — Lebanon has asked the United Nations to equip its peace-keeping forces in the country with a "dissuasive potential" and have its "authority enlarged" to re-establish Beirut's control of the south of the country, officials said here Tuesday.

The request was due to be studied by the Security Council Tuesday when it considers a report by U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim asking for a renewal of the U.N. Interim Forces in Lebanon (UNIFIL). But the demand is likely to be seen as a change in UNIFIL's role and will probably fall foul of a veto from some Security Council members.

UNIFIL was ordered into southern Lebanon on March 19, 1978 with the job of over-

seeing the withdrawal of Israeli troops which invaded the country eight days earlier. Some Israeli forces are still in the country and Beirut's writ does not run in the south, which is mainly controlled by Palestinians and their leftist allies lined up against the Christian enclave controlled by renegade Lebanese officer, Maj. Saad Haddad.

Waldheim Monday blamed Palestinian commandos and Israel and its Lebanese rightist allies for the continuing hostilities in South Lebanon.

Recommending a further six-month extension of the mandate of UNIFIL, he said in a report to the Security Council: "It is essential that the present trend of inadequate cooperation and lack of progress should be reversed."

Oueddei forces capture N'Djamena

PARIS, Dec. 16 (R) — French officials confirmed Tuesday that the Chad capital of N'Djamena, fell Monday to forces loyal to President Goukouni Oueddei after a nine-month battle against his rival and former Defense Minister Hissene Habre.

The officials told reporters their information indicated President Oueddei's forces were spearheaded by Libyan T-54 tanks and

announced under a barrage of multiple rocket launchers.

There was no immediate indication of casualties although large numbers of civilians had fled from N'Djamena during the final assault to seek refuge in neighboring Cameroon across the Chari River, the officials said.

Israel's annual inflation rate 137.6%

TEL AVIV, Dec. 16 (AP) — Israel's consumer price index rose 9.4 per cent during November, bringing the annual inflation rate for the past 12 months to 137.6 per cent, the Central Statistics Bureau has announced. The publication of the monthly inflation rate came as Prime Minister Menachem Begin's government was deadlocked over Finance Minister Yigael Hurvitz' budget recommendations for the next fiscal year, which starts in

April.

Hurvitz reportedly wants to cut five per cent from this year's \$12 billion budget, with defense expenditures as his primary target. The massive defense budget consumes one-third of this year's total budget.

Hurvitz has warned that if his unprioritized recommendations are not accepted by the cabinet, inflation will reach 200 per cent year.

El Al begins laying off workers

TEL AVIV, Dec. 16 (R) — Israel's national airline El Al Monday began sending out dismissal notices to 600 of its workers who the government says must be fired before the airline can receive financial aid, company sources said. The airline, which lost \$98.6 million last year and is forecast to lose another \$60 million this year, cannot pay its workers next month without government aid, a senior company source told Reuters.

But the government refuses to bail out the company unless it dismisses 600 of its 4,600 workers, cut the number of flights, closes unprofitable lines and foreign branch offices and reduces its fleet of planes.

The company Monday sent out the first 60 dismissal notices and is now waiting for the trade unions' reaction. "A strike now would kill us," the source said.

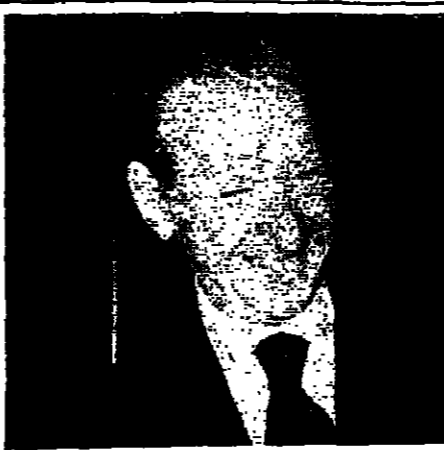
UNRWA facing \$40 million deficit

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 16 (AP) — U.N. schools attended by 339,000 Palestinian refugee children in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Israeli-occupied Arab territories will have to close permanently next May 31 unless governments give more money for their support, a high official said Monday.

Olof Rydbeck of Sweden, commissioner-general of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency

for Palestine refugees, told reporters the \$9,700 Palestine refugee teachers in the 635 schools would have to be notified of the closure and termination of their contracts in March unless the money was in sight by that time.

He said the only hope of averting the shutdown was for contributors to give UNRWA an extra \$40 million by March.



Kurt Waldheim

BRIEFS

ANKARA, (R) — Security forces shot dead three extremists and wounded one Monday in a forest near the Black Sea province of Ordu, Turkish newspapers reported Tuesday. In southern Adana, military authorities said they detained 16 members of two illegal leftwing organizations and confiscated their weapons after a raid Monday.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Egypt will get about \$210 million worth of U.S. wheat and wheat flour under a new food for peace agreement, the U.S. Agricultural Department said Monday. Kelly Harrison, the department's general sales manager, said the long-term credit package will enable Egypt to buy one million metric tons of wheat and flour.

BEIRUT, (AFP) — Three persons were wounded in a dawn attack Monday on the Iraqi Cultural Center in the western sector of Beirut, police said.

MADRID, (AFP) — King Juan Carlos Monday met Jordanian Crown Prince Hassan brother of King Hussein, it was announced here.

TEL AVIV, (AP) — Religious Affairs Minister Aharon Abut-Hatzeira agreed Monday to waive his parliament immunity, clearing the way for an indictment on bribery charges that will put a cabinet minister on trial for the first time in Israel's history.

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Israeli immigration hits lowest level; emigration rises

TEL AVIV, Dec. 16 (AP) — Israeli statistics show that Jewish immigration, a cornerstone of Israel's existence, has fallen to its lowest point in 12 years, while emigration is on the increase.

Immigration ministry figures released Monday show that 964 Jews came to Israel as settlers in November, compared with 2,828 in November 1979. In all, 22,000 newcomers are expected this year, compared with 37,200 newcomers in 1979.

The slump is blamed on a drop in the number of Soviet Jews obtaining exit visas, and the fact that roughly three-quarters of those who do get out head for North America and Western Europe rather than deal with the challenges and frustrations of life in Israel.

Since the state was founded in 1948, immigration has accounted for about half its fivefold increase in the Jewish population, now at 3.28 million. More than 700,000 came

in the first three years of Israeli statehood, from Europe and Mideastern countries.

On the other hand, figures showing a rise in emigration came as a shock to many Israelis.

Figures compiled by the government bureau of statistics show that in the first 10 months of 1980, 448,997 Israelis left the country while only 416,195 came in. That leaves a discrepancy of 32,802 — more than double the figure for the corresponding period of 1979.



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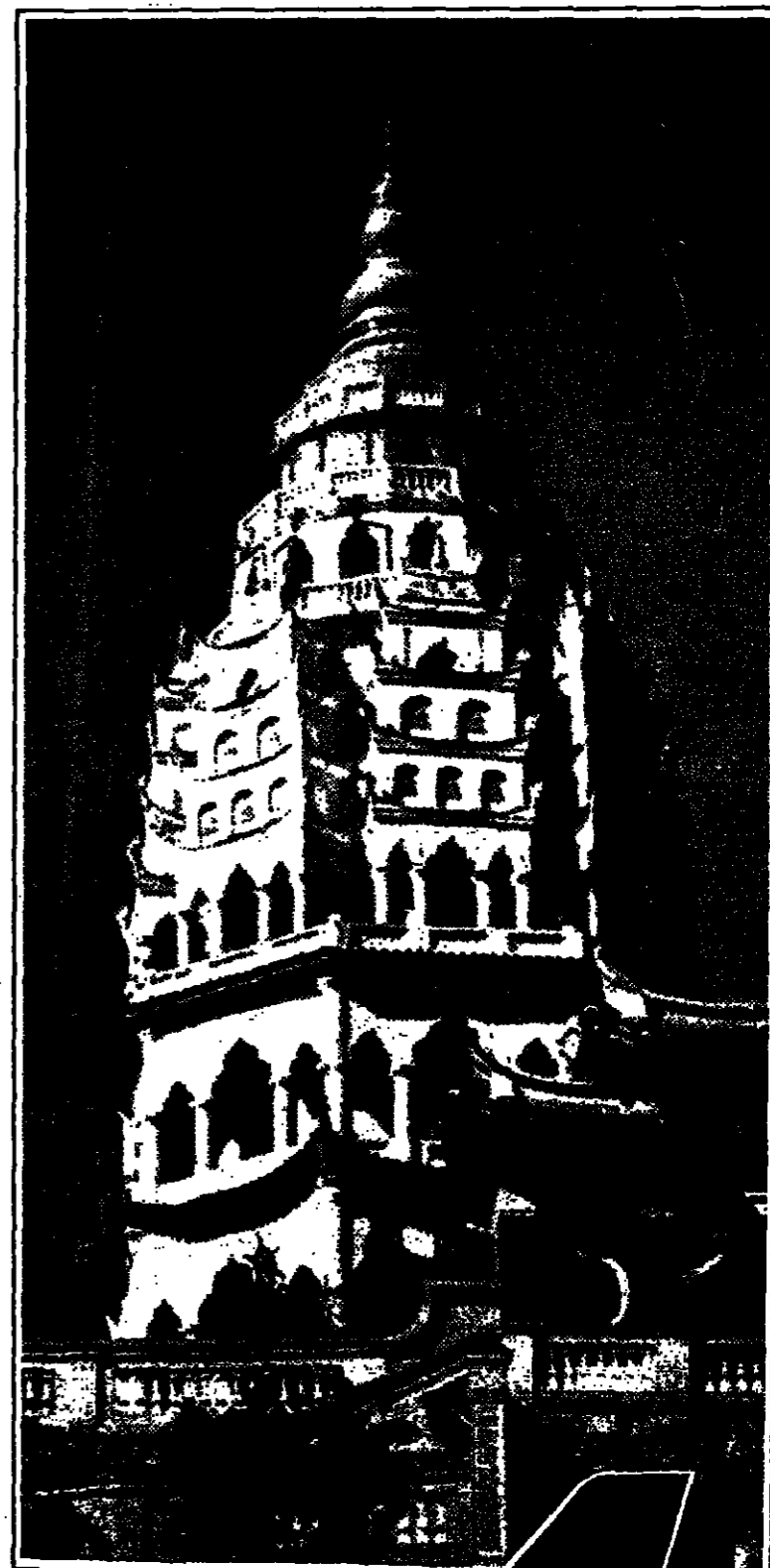
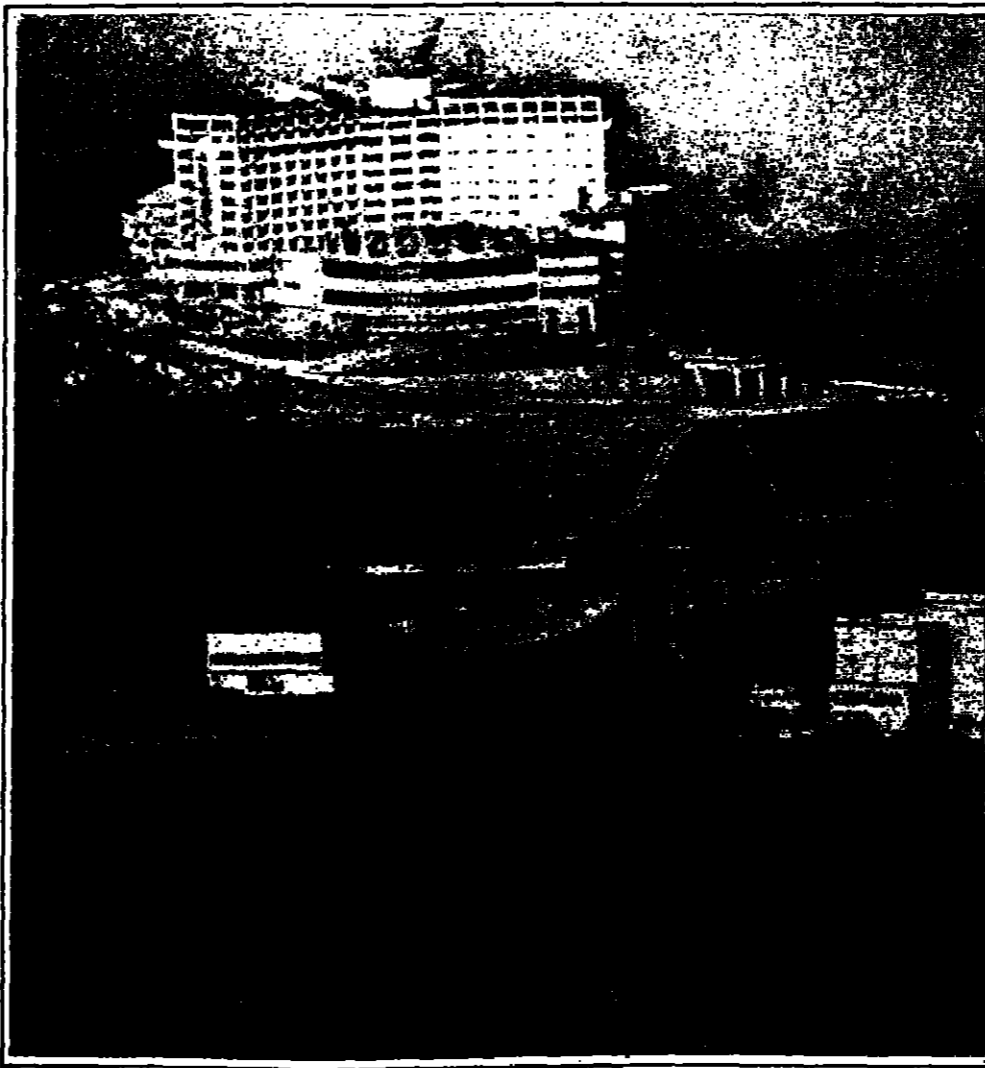
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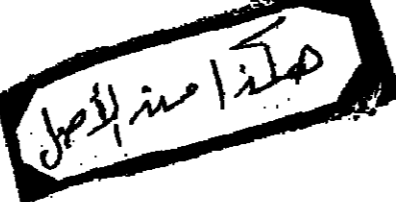


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Show forces that formed planets

Moons offer clues to solar system's past

By George Alexander

PASADENA, Calif. (LAT) — They are the Dead Sea scrolls of the solar system — the nearly 50 moons that revolve around six of the system's nine planets. Their cracked and

ween the two — as well as marked differences. Both earth and moon have an almost identical ratio of oxygen-18 to oxygen-16 and because that ratio is not found in meteorites, scientists find it hard to avoid the conclusion that both were formed out of the same



MOON: an American astronaut collects samples

stered surfaces, their range of sizes, nities and colors, and their atmospheres ventings are to planetary scientists what leather and papyrus manuscripts are to scholars: a revealing glimpse into eras of long

"There is a picture of the state of things in early solar system that is contained not in planets, but only in the moons," said Soderblom, a U.S. Geological Survey scientist who has served as a member of photo interpretation team of the Voyager

Interplanetary Laboratory and another yager project member explained that the nets no longer reflect the early, local environments of the solar nebula where each was

"Whatever was there to begin with, has all been homogenized by the planet's formation," Johnson said, "so a planet represents average environment; it doesn't tell us today about the details of the pre-n conditions."

The moons, however, show both pre- and formation conditions because there are many of them and because they display so many different surface ages, sizes, densities, chemical compositions, heat balances, tectonism (reshaping of the surface) and the

The Dead Sea scrolls have provided clues to life in the Middle East from the 1st or 2nd century BC to the 1st century AD and the relationship between Christianity and established Jewish tradi-

s. In a similar way, the moons help scientists understand what has happened throughout the solar system at different times. Now, if any, scientists anticipated this back in the early 1960s when the first of these or bodies, the earth's moon, began to be

lored by a series of unmanned spacecraft (Surveyor, Lunar Orbiter) and, manned Apollo expeditions.

I thought that when we finally got to the moon, we'd find primitive stuff there — differentiated materials, unchanged since day they had formed," Fraser Fanale, a JPL scientist and now a visiting professor at the University of Hawaii, recalled.

There was a certain "size chauvinism" in thinking then: our moon and all the other ones were too small to have evolved any, ones were places where you'd go to get "ess" (primordial) rocks.

The astronauts found no primordial rocks, they did come up with a few that were dated as being 4.2 billion to 4.4 billion years old and a lot that were between 3 billion and 4 billion years old.

We have learned two major things from exploration of the moon," Professor R. Arnold, at University of California, Diego, chemist and moonrock expert, said in a telephone interview. "One, established a chronology based on crater sizes and rock dates. We know that the moon suffered a terrific bombardment from 4 1/2 billion years ago to about 4 billion years ago, at which point the objects creating craters went way down (dropped off in quantity). Because of this, we are sure that the earth and other terrestrial planets underwent a similar experience at the same time.

Two, we've learned a lot of chemistry. Similarities between the earth and moon suggest a close association (in their origins). Indeed, there are strong similarities between

cosmic pot. But if they were, then why does the earth have so much iron and the moon so little? And why is the moon's surface so depleted of elements like sodium, potassium and chlorine, the lightweight atoms that are easily boiled off by a hot body?

Those questions bear directly on the origins of the earth and moon and the three competing theories that have long been argued among planetary scientists:

1— The moon formed as a complete and separate entity elsewhere in the solar system and later wandered, like a housefly, into the Earth's gravitational spider web. It was captured intact.

2— The moon was once part of the earth, but somehow was gouged from the parent body and tossed into nearby space. This would explain the chemical similarities and dissimilarities.

3— Earth and moon condensed out of the same sector of the solar nebula at about the same time — but somehow with slightly different chemical proportions.

Scientists have debated the pros and cons of each theory for a long time now, but Arnold believes that a resolution may not be far off as they continue to analyze the data already in hand, and as they are provided fresh perspectives from other planet-moon systems.

Toward that end, George Wetherill of the Carnegie Institution in Washington has suggested that the true origin of earth and moon might be found in a synthesis of all three theories.

What if, he speculated, both bodies began to form in the same general neighborhood of the solar nebula — but yet far enough apart for a density gradient to be set up. The earth, being nearer the sun, found itself with a preponderance of iron and other heavy elements relative to the coagulating mass that was becoming the moon.

Then, as both were still forming, something perturbed the lunar mass and bumped it in toward the earth. "The two may have had a grazing collision," Wetherill said, "one that pulled away big chunks of the as yet unconsolidated earth and moon."

These chunks would have been strewn in an orbit around the earth where, in time, the earth — and the now-captured nucleus of the moon — would have swept them all up. "I'm not saying it is absolutely right," Wetherill cautioned. "But it does explain the major features of the three competing theories — capture, fission and co-formation — and it is worth thinking about."

For that matter, scientists are finding it worthwhile to think freshly and imaginatively about all the moons because however odd or bizarre some of their properties might seem initially, "Nature" — in the words of one planetologist — "is trying to tell us something it's up to us to figure out what the 'something' is."

The peculiar density gradient that Voyager I found among the moons of Saturn is a good example of this. Scientists had expected that Mimas, because it is the principal moon nearest the planet, would be denser than Enceladus, the next moon out, and Enceladus denser than Tethys and so on.

After all, this sort of gradient prevails among the inner and outer planets of the solar systems (Mercury, Venus and Earth are denser than the moon and Mars) as well as among the Galilean moons of Jupiter.

But that is not what Voyager I found

among the Saturnian moons. Mimas is denser than Enceladus, but Enceladus is not denser than Tethys, or Dione, or Rhea or Titan. On the contrary, the density in these moons — made mostly of ice, with small, but variable quantities of rock — actually increases with increasing distance from Saturn.

Soderblom and Johnson suspect that the Saturnian moons may be providing science with the first indication of the planetismals, the "lumps" that condensed out of the solar nebula and that later were piled together to make the solid planets, many of the moons and possibly part of the gassy bodies.

Just as hailstones form within a typical range of sizes, between one-fifth of an inch to four inches, planetismals are also thought to have condensed out of the nebula with some limited range of sizes — speculation has had it between one-thousandth of an inch to more than five miles.

Even if no other spacecraft were to be dispatched to the Jovian (Jupiter) and Saturnian systems, the thousands upon thousands of images and reams of measurements taken of those planets' principal moons by the Voyagers will keep planetologists busy for decades. "These moons," said Fanale, "are showing us how many different ways bodies can evolve."

Jupiter's II, for example, is sputtering with volcanoes, making it the "second body in the solar system (after the earth) known to have active eruptions. 10's furnaces are stoked, however, not by deeply buried radioactive elements as on earth, but instead by the relentless cycles of compression and relaxation imposed on the little moon by the enormous gravitational fields of Jupiter and its sibling moons.

No less amazing than this moon's fire has been the discovery of other moons' ice. Jupiter's Europa is largely a cosmic glacier and

the Jovian moons of Callisto and Ganymede are about 50-50 ice and rock — all of Saturn's moons, except Titan, appear to be mostly ice.

While ground-based telescopic observations of some of these moons suggested that they possessed icy crusts at a minimum, Fanale said that science generally failed to appreciate the significance of this state of matter when it makes up a large fraction of a body.

"We really hadn't taken into account the differences in melting points of substances like water ice, or methane ice," Fanale said of pre-Voyager planetology. "One hundred-degrees rise in temperature means nothing to olivine (a rock material) but it sure will get you results with something like ice."

The surface of Ganymede bears clear signs of tectonics (movement of crustal slabs), said Soderblom, and the Saturnian moon of Dione looks a lot like Ganymede the evidence is in the form of parallel grooves that wind across Ganymede's surface, as well as blocks that are obviously offset from each other but that have contours, like the East coast of South America and the West coast of Africa, which just as obviously could be refitted to each other.

"Put a bottle of soda pop in your freezer," he said, "and it will expand and break the bottle." Soderblom and Johnson prefer this kind of mechanism to explain the majority of the cracked patterns that Voyagers 1 and 2 saw on the Jovian moons and that Voyager 1 so far has seen on Saturnian satellites.

The value of these findings, Fanale ventured, lies in comparisons with identical processes on Earth. "But on Earth, we have a jumble of processes going on at the same time and often in the same place," he said. "so it's hard, very hard, to sort them out. These moons, in contrast, are simple models of one, or at most two, processes at work. We ought



PLANETS: a composite picture as seen from the moon. At bottom right is the earth, showing the horn of Africa and the Arabian peninsula. To the earth's left is Venus, and at the top are, left to right, Jupiter, Mercury, Mars and Saturn.

to be able to sort them out there."

And when these processes are sorted out, planetismals sized, all the surface cracks and craters dated, what then? "Then," answered Harold Masursky, a U.S. Geological Survey geophysicist who has worked on the earth's moon, Mars, Jupiter and now Saturn, "we will be in a position to compare planetary histories. We'll be able to say there was a big period of volcanic activity on moon X — was there any comparable major activity on moons Y and Z? Or on planet A?"

Masursky is inclined toward universal, as opposed to local, effects. "We'd like to know if there have been great universal episodes that were felt all the way across the solar system," he said one day recently at JPL. "Things like a T-tauri phase of the sun (a rapid change in brightness) that may have heated things up on different bodies to a point where those bodies were triggered into some kind of activity?"

"Our maybe some sort of gravitational

interaction with other things in the (Milky Way) galaxy that set off events across the solar system ever 200 million years or so? The moons may help us find answers to these questions." Neither Mercury nor Venus, the two planets nearest to the sun, has any natural satellites, but the earth has one — the 2,150-mile diameter moon — and Mars has two, Phobos and Deimos. The two Martian moons are so small (10 to 17 miles at their longest), and so irregular and dark they are widely believed to be captured asteroids.

Nature, however, gave satellites to Jupiter and Saturn with an open hand: Jupiter has 16 and Saturn has at least 15 natural companions. The best known Jovian moons are the Galilean ones, so called because Galileo was the first to see them, back in 1610. They are 10, Europa, Ganymede (the biggest moon in the solar system) and Callisto.

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KISSINGER VS. HAIG

The choice of General Alexander Haig as secretary of state in the new U.S. administration, when and if he is named, is expected to be challenged strongly. One thing it means is that Kissinger will not get the job he desires most, and to achieve which he has not ceased to work.

Source of the challenge for Haig's appointment is his role in the Watergate affair, when he acted as Nixon's White House chief of staff. He played a major part at that time in obtaining pardon for Nixon from President Ford, in return for the former's resignation.

Many however argue that Haig suffered no discredit from his involvement. He was never tainted by the Watergate affair itself. And his stand by Nixon to the end showed his strong sense of loyalty more than anything else.

From such a point of view, Haig's supporters say the objectives against his appointment are baseless, and the motives for them are suspect. Neither Reagan nor Haig had anything to do with any transgression connected with Watergate. For the former to reject the latter, because of Watergate is therefore quite meaningless.

The question being asked by those in the know in Washington is whether Kissinger is connected in any way with the moves against Haig's appointment. Could Kissinger's ambition be as vehement as to lead him to intrigue against a man whose honesty had never been impugned despite his connections with the murky atmosphere of Nixon's White House?

No proof for this has been produced. But if and when it ever obtains then Kissinger would be seen as having gambled everything, past reputation and future prospects, and to have lost.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

A majority of newspapers Tuesday led with details of the conference of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) being held in Bali, Indonesia. While *Okaz* said that the conference overcame hurdles and defined the items on its agenda, *Al Bilad* noted that the conference would discuss strategy on oil prices. *Al Yom* led with a report on an attempt to kidnap the Iraqi oil minister at the conference. *Al Medina* covered as its lead story a statement by Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Klibi in which he said Crown Prince Fahd has reiterated the Kingdom's resolve to cement Arab solidarity. *Al Jazirah* captioned King Khalid's upcoming visit to Qassim region and *Al Riyadh* gave lead prominence to Riyadh Governor Prince Salman's reiteration that "we are endeavoring to complete the capital's services within the Third Plan".

Okaz frontpaged the United Nations General Assembly's denunciation of Israel and its call for sanctions on the Zionist entity. It also frontpaged Klibi's appreciation of Saudi Arabia's role in cementing Arab solidarity and PLO Chief Yasser Arafat's acceptance of an invitation to pay a visit to Tokyo. *Al Medina* gave page one prominence to the OPEC Ministerial Council's refusal to discuss the Iraq-Iran war during its deliberations in Bali.

The weekly meeting of the Council of Ministers, which discussed the housing project in the Kingdom, received front page coverage in *Al Jazirah*, which also highlighted the Foreign Ministry's official

denial of Saudi Arabia's assistance to any parties in Chad. *Al Riyadh* also covered the Foreign Ministry's denial in bold letters on its front page. Newspaper editorials dealt with the OPEC conference, saying its success would strengthen the world economy and its deliberations were taking place not to produce confrontation but for the sake of progress and construction. Some newspapers dwelled on Saudi Arabia's initiative in liquidating tension on the Syrian-Jordanian borders and its firm stance on ending rifts and achieving Arab unity.

In an editorial on the OPEC conference, *Al Jazirah* observed that the gathering would be called upon to reconsider a number of matters connected with its world policy in view of fresh oil and economic developments at the world level. It expressed optimism that the conference would end with positive and constructive results, stressing the organization's unity and protecting it from differences and animosity. The paper urged the OPEC states to work towards cooperation and to serve the policies and objectives of the organization so it can fulfil its aims effectively. It also called upon the member states to keep in mind the interests of other countries which expect the organization to exert constructive efforts in the interests of the world economy.

On the same subject, *Al Riyadh* noted that world attention is focused on the Bali conference as a result of changes that have taken place in the oil market. Despite hostile campaigns, said the paper,

the importance of the organization's role would never diminish. It added that the hostile countries ignore OPEC's role at a time when they should themselves play a significant part in reducing the consumption of energy and relying on strategic reserves. The paper, however, expressed confidence that the present deliberations would succeed in arriving at a unified resolution on the organization's unity and solidarity and its effective role in the preservation of the world economy. The paper described the conference as a most significant event as it would symbolize a factual coherence among the member states. It added that the issue of oil prices is not as important as a resolution on the organization's long-range strategic policy on related matters.

Discussing Saudi Arabia's efforts in uniting the Arabs, *Al Medina* and *Al Bilad* noted that the Kingdom's initiative in Jordan-Syria crisis has ended in complete success. Being fully conscious of the importance of Arab and Islamic solidarity, the Kingdom lost no time in trying to remove tension that had upset relations between Syria and Jordan. The paper further said Zionist and Communist forces have cast slanders against the Saudi Arabian move, as they don't want to see the spirit of brotherhood flourish among the Arab states. That Syria and Jordan have favorably responded to the Saudi Arabian initiative shows that they are keenly anxious to maintain their bilateral relations in particular and the interest of Arab solidarity in general.



The Palestine question at the United Nations

By Michael Adams

They say that a change is as good as a rest — and I've had a change in the last ten days. I went to New York to attend the annual debate in the General Assembly of the United Nations on the Palestine question. It was an interesting experience, sometimes encouraging, more often infuriating — but I certainly wouldn't call it a rest.

In fact I came away astonished at the power of endurance which enables delegates to the U.N. to survive such debates, especially when they have to listen to them again and again, sometimes for years in succession. And the debates on the Palestine question, of course, have been going on for longer than any others: in fact, for almost as long as the United Nations has been in existence.

The atmosphere in the great chamber where the General Assembly meets is a curious one. The speaker stands at a rostrum in front of the high table where the secretary general and one or two of his assistants sit and conduct the debate. In front of the speaker the delegates from 150 nations are ranged in a great semi-circle, all looking pretty much alike and with only an unobtrusive notice in front of them to indicate where they come from and whether they represent one of the superpowers or a tiny newcomer to the U.N. like Djibouti or the island of Saint Vincent.

Most of them listen to the speaker through earphones, taking advantage of the system of instantaneous translation; and this, I found, heightens the sense of unreality which the debates induce. For, even if a speaker uses strong language or emphasizes his points with violent gestures — which most of them don't — the interpreter translates his words in a perpetual monotone which strips them of all feeling and against which the gestures of the distant figure at the rostrum seem devoid of significance.

All the same, there were some admirable speeches in this latest of many debates on the Palestine question. First of all the new President of the Assembly (the West German delegate, Baron von Wechmar) introduced Fallouh Kane, chief delegate of Senegal and chairman of the U.N.'s Special Committee for the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People. And Kane, switching with ease from French to English and back again as he reinforced his arguments with quotations from the *New York Times*, from an interview with Naim Goldman in the French magazine *Jeune Afrique* and from the diaries of Israel's prime minister in the early 1950s, Moshe Sharett, gave a concise and vivid account of the U.N.'s involvement in the Palestine question.

The most telling passage in his speech came near the end when he said: "We never knew. This was the reaction of most Germans when they saw on television the film *Holocaust*."

"What is happening in Palestine today,

although it has not yet reached the scale of the crimes committed in the concentration camps, must be brought home to the Israeli people, so that they will not be able to say tomorrow that they did not know about it. The atrocities being committed or tolerated by the Begin government must not be ignored; for if they are, this would amount to a veritable conspiracy of silence on the part of a whole people."

Kane said that there was a "wind of change" blowing in the world as far as the Palestine question was concerned, and he made it clear that he had in mind especially the changing attitude of the European Community, as expressed in the declaration issued in June by the heads of government of the nine members of the Community. And it is true that when the delegate of Luxembourg spoke on behalf of the European nine, his speech — although it was very short — did contain much that was encouraging for the Palestinians in their drive for international recognition of their rights.

Remembering that the members of the Community had observed with anxiety the deteriorating situation in the Middle East, the European delegate said categorically that the Palestinian people should be given the opportunity "to exercise fully its right to self-determination." He was equally clear in stating that the European nations considered Israel's colonization program on the West Bank "a serious obstacle to the peace process" and the settlements

themselves "illegal under international law." He criticized the law recently adopted by the Israeli Knesset on Jerusalem and said that the nine nations for which he spoke did not accept any unilateral measures whose aim was to alter the status of the Holy City. Finally he reaffirmed the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and said that the PLO must be associated with the negotiations for a just solution to the problem.

The Arab delegates who spoke in the debate also acquitted themselves well, criticizing the endless prevarications which prevented a solution to the Palestine problem (this was a point to which the Saudi Arabian delegate gave particular emphasis) and complaining (as I heard the delegate of Bahrain doing) of the U.N.'s inactivity in the face of Israel's constant defiance of its rulings over Jerusalem, over the Zionization of the occupied territories, over the Jewish settlements and the resulting unrest and repression on the West Bank. But, as I found when I talked to various delegates and to the journalists in the corridors afterward, there was one consideration which was in everyone's mind and which gave to these perfectly justifiable protests and exposures a hollow ring. And it made such easier the task of the Israeli delegate when he followed with a characteristically sarcastic and casuistical speech.

The Israeli delegate spoke of the evident divisions within the Arab world. He used the Jordan-Syria crisis to throw doubt on the sincerity of the

Arabs' commitment to the Palestinian cause, which he claimed the Arab governments used to distract attention from the real causes of instability in the Middle East — which he identified as the machinations of the Soviet Union.

His arguments were specious and cynical and he made no effective answer to the accusations levelled not only by the Arabs but by the U.N. committee whose report on conditions in the occupied territories had been presented to the Assembly. But that was of no importance, for everyone at the U.N. now knows what ought to be done about the Palestine problem. What they don't know is how to bring it about and especially how to persuade the new American administration which takes office next month that American interests will be better served by a policy of genuine evenhandedness, rather than by continuing America's constant and uncritical support for Israel.

If the Israeli delegate was wrong and the Arab governments really do care about solving the Palestine question, there is no time to lose. And if they want to make any impression on Reagan and his future colleagues in Washington, they will have to patch up their own quarrels and achieve the strength that can only come from unity. Otherwise, however sound are their arguments, they won't make any more impression on the White House than they did on the General Assembly recently.

Reagan dithers over cabinet choice

By Anthony Holden

WASHINGTON — Dr. Alan Walters, the British prime minister's new chief economic adviser, drew gasps in Washington the other day when he revealed that his return to London would make him one of "less than 10" political appointees in the British government bureaucracy. Around the corner, even as he spoke, the Reagan transition team was confronting the mammoth task of filling 8,000 jobs in eight weeks. Each mail brought a new deluge of curricula vitae from the hopeful. "Far too many," as one task force leader pointed out, "for us ever to have time to look at."

That very morning had seen publication of a large, official orange document entitled "U.S. Government: Policy and Supporting Positions". Quickly christened "The Plum Book", it lists the top 5,000 jobs up for grabs, complete with name of present occupant and salary. The 20,000 copies printed had sold out, at six dollars each within the week.

So Washington's evening paper has been devoting three of four pages a day to extracts from "The Plum Book" — surely one of the more eccentric serializations in recent literary history — and plans are afoot for an instant paperback. A favorite

Washington diversion just now is scanning its columns to see how much your neighbor earns.

The man charged with filling the top 15 of those jobs, President-elect Ronald Reagan, has been making rather heavy weather of it. To date, he has put names beside eight of the titles, leaving the most critical — secretary of state — and six others unfilled. Secluded at his Los Angeles home with only his wife Nancy to guide him, Reagan has allowed the guessing-game to grow ever more fevered as he canvasses possible cabinet members by telephone.

Much of the Washington transition team's work has been "on hold". One exasperated senior official said: "Come inauguration, we'll have spent six weeks choosing the top 15 and a month on the 5,000 beneath them."

By this stage of the 1951-2 transition, after a similar landslide, President-elect Dwight Eisenhower had selected his cabinet, announced it, and flown off to Korea. As he mulls over the short lists prepared by his "Kitchen Cabinet" of California cronies, Reagan has already allowed two big fish to slip through the net.

The refusal of George Shultz and William Simon to serve in the new administration, against all expectations, has alarmed those looking for experi-

enced faces among Reagan's team. Already dismayed by the withdrawal of Mrs. Anne Armstrong, the former ambassador to London, Reagan has had to make further revisions of his originally tidy list.

It seems plausible that Shultz, once regarded as the cornerstone of a Reagan government, never really wanted to return to public service from his lucrative business career. But Simon's case is altogether more revealing. He had made no secret of his wish to return to the Treasury Department, or of Reagan's apparent willingness to oblige him. That alone, coupled with his extreme fiscal conservatism, may have proved his undoing.

In the three weeks after the election, a concerted back-stabbing operation was mounted against Simon in the president-elect's inner councils. From Capitol Hill, Senator Robert Dole, incoming chairman of the Finance Committee, orchestrated a whispering campaign against the man with whom he had no wish to deal for the next four years. Former President Gerald Ford then telephoned Reagan to say how headstrong and unmanageable Simon had been both in and out of the cabinet.

Simon had initially been championed by Justin Dart, the 73-year-old drug store magnate who is one of Reagan's oldest friends and closest advisers. He had urged Reagan to name Simon and two other key cabinet appointments within a week of the election to avoid precisely this kind of infighting.

Reagan's refusal to comply may suggest a reassuring independence of mind, but it has led to prolonged confusion and dismay among his transition staff. To make matters worse — as the Soviet Army masses on the Polish border — a posse of Reagan foreign policy scouts has been traipsing around the world, leaving a trail of diplomatic incidents in their wake.

Senator Charles Percy, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, went hoofbeats to Moscow and reported reassuring noises from Brezhnev, while denying any official administration role. In Taiwan, Ray Cline, a Reagan adviser who is head of the Center for Strategic Studies at Washington's Georgetown University, earned himself a rebuke from China for a "crude interference" in its internal affairs.

Not until Reagan names a secretary of state — Gen. Alexander Haig seems likely to be the lukewarm choice — can a coordinated foreign policy begin to be hammered out. The real worry in Washington is that, while other foreign governments may not understand this, the Kremlin knows it all too well.

It has become a tradition in U.S.-Soviet relations for the Russians to "test" an incoming president, by some show of strength during his first few months in office. There is a suspicion here, with all eyes turned toward Poland, that the Soviet leadership may choose to test Ronald Reagan before he had taken office.





ENDANGERED: a pair of white-naped cranes

By Madeleine Jacobs

On the wall of a sunless cave in southern Spain, a solitary bird bends forward, vigilantly standing guard over its nest. Painted by a Stone Age ancestor around 4000 B.C., this scene is one of the first known representations of the crane, an ancient bird whose origins date back 500 million years.

Although the crane has survived for centuries in art and poetry as a symbol of love, longevity and luck, its survival today is threatened throughout the world. Of the world's 15 species of cranes, seven are considered rare and endangered.

The native American whooping crane, the rarest of all crane species, hovers on the edge of extinction, saved from the fate of the passenger pigeon only by heroic conservation efforts. Populations of Siberian cranes, numbering in the hundreds at most, have been declining at an alarming rate.

"Cranes are the most endangered family of birds in the world," says Dr. George Archibald, an ornithologist and co-founder of the International Crane Foundation in Baraboo, Wis.

Especially in the tropical regions of the world, he says, the wetland nesting sites of these creatures have been or are being destroyed, the result of industrial development and agricultural production. In other regions,

Seven species in danger

Threatened cranes begin slow recovery

such as the near East and South Asia, preservation attempts have fallen victim to the vagaries of international politics.

Fortunately, efforts to save these elegant birds are under way at the International Crane Foundation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Smithsonian's National Zoological Park and several other zoos. There are also international activities in West Germany, Japan, China and the Soviet Union.

Though their approach differs somewhat, each of the U.S. groups has a major research program on the behavior, breeding and propagation of cranes.

One curious aspect of crane behavior occurs during the spring breeding season when male and female cranes pair off and perform a courtship "dance." Nearly every day, the male and female will bob around each other, shimmy and shake, toss grass and sticks in the air, flap their wings and generally carry on.

In the crane's natural habitat, this dance precedes breeding and nest building. But in captivity, for reasons that are not well understood, this behavior frequently does not lead to natural breeding. Thus, most breeding efforts in captivity involve artificially inseminating the females.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has pioneered efforts in artificial insemination at its Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Laurel, Md. It has had notable success with the whooping crane, which has become a symbol of survival to many conservationists.

By 1941, the whooping crane, the tallest bird in North America with a height of 5 feet, was nearly extinct, with only 14 birds remaining in the wild migratory population. Additional laws were established to protect them from hunters and to provide nesting sanctuaries. Slowly, the population began to increase.

"Still, on the basis of numbers alone, the whooping crane is the most endangered species of crane," says Dr. Scott Derrickson, a research biologist who studies cranes at the Patuxent Center. At present, there are about 125 whoopers, including 25 in captivity.

Patuxent has established the largest captive population of whoopers—22 in all—over the course of 13 years by artificially incubating eggs retrieved from nests of the remaining wild population in Canada's Wood Buffalo National Park and from eggs produced by artificially inseminating captive cranes.

Drawing on information gained from studying this captive population, scientists at Patuxent, the Idaho Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit and the Canadian Wildlife Service have embarked on a bold new program to establish an entirely new population of whooping cranes in the wild. The program involves using greater sandhill cranes, a plentiful cousin of the whooping crane, as surrogate or "foster" parents.

For the past five years, eggs gathered from nests in the wild, supplemented with eggs laid by the Patuxent whoopers, have been ferried out to the nests of greater sandhills in Grays Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Idaho. The sandhills have hatched and raised 20 whoopers, which now migrate with their foster parents to the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge in New Mexico.

The focus on captive breeding of cranes is somewhat different at the Smithsonian's National Zoological Park, according to Guy A. Greenwell, an ornithologist at the Zoo's Conservation and Research Center in Front Royal, Va.



HOODED CRANES: painted on a Japanese screen

"Our top priority is finding out what factors are necessary to ensure natural breeding as opposed to artificial insemination," Greenwell says. Artificial insemination, he points out, is a time-consuming procedure; it also may be self-defeating, since once the process is begun, birds may never establish natural breeding patterns.

"Breeding cranes is a slow business," he observes. "Even adult birds who have bred in captivity may not breed for several years, if ever, after being moved into new quarters."

A patient man who has worked with birds for more than 50 years, Greenwell has designed 21 crane breeding yards at the sprawling 3,100-acre Conservation Center. These yards recreate on a small scale the crane's habitat, replete with flowing water and marshes.

Greenwell, among others, believes that visual separation of breeding pairs of the same species may encourage natural breeding, because cranes are territorial birds and tend to nest far apart in the wild. During the past season, he kept each breeding pair out of view of other pairs. The effort was rewarded with the birth this summer of six chicks—all products of natural breeding.

National Zoo researchers as well as other scientists also are studying the best conditions for artificially incubating and hatching eggs.

"We can't save cranes from extinction in the wild by breeding them here," Greenwell says. "But if we can determine what factors aid natural breeding and propagation, we can share this information with others. Together, we can help maintain stocks of the birds in captivity and perhaps reintroduce them into their native habitats."

The world's most complete collection of captive cranes is at the International Crane Foundation, which has 14 of 15 species and about 130 birds at its 65-acre Baraboo reserve. In addition to studying crane behavior and breeding, ICF also works to preserve endangered cranes in the wild, an activity that takes its founders, George Archibald and Ronald Sauer, and ICF staff into the volatile realm of international politics.

Consider the case of the Siberian crane, whose numbers have dropped precipitously. "Its situation is deteriorating rapidly," Archibald says.

Two years ago, only three small populations of Siberian cranes remained. All three groups breed on the Soviet tundra and winter either in Iran, India or China. The Iranian population had dropped to a mere 9 birds in 1978. ICF had begun an ambitious program to establish a new population of Siberian cranes in Iran using common cranes as foster parents when the Islamic revolution occurred. The program had to be abandoned.

Equally frustrating was the situation for

the Indian population which numbered only 33 last winter. Although the birds are protected in India, they migrate through Afghanistan where they are hunted for food.

ICF scientists had finally located the resting site in Afghanistan and were working with the Afghan government to create laws protecting the birds. This effort also collapsed as a result of political turmoil in Afghanistan.

The outlook is a little brighter, though still uncertain, for the remaining large population of Siberian cranes, numbering about 200. This group migrates into China and presumably winters along the Yangtze River Basin. The exact site is unknown, but this winter the Institute of Zoology in Peking plans to carry out an aerial survey.

Meanwhile, despite tumultuous Soviet-U.S. relations, Archibald and Dr. James W. Carpenter, research veterinarian at the Patuxent Center, spent several weeks this past autumn at the Oka State Reserve near Moscow, where they provided advice to Soviet scientists who are establishing a facility for propagating various species of cranes, including the Siberian crane.

The Soviets already have reared 13 Siberian young from 17 eggs removed from the wild, almost doubling the number of Siberian chicks in captivity. The scientists plan to use this captive flock to produce eggs that would be raised by common cranes which breed on the same reserve.

Archibald was optimistic about this plan to establish a new population of Siberian cranes—until the war broke out in late September between Iran and Iraq. As luck would have it, the common cranes migrate to the Zagros Mountains in southwestern Iran, located precariously close to the Iraqi-Iranian hostilities.

"Now, it's wait and see," says the 34-year-old ornithologist. Undaunted, he remains hopeful that the six Siberian chicks hatched at ICF from Soviet-provided eggs will be mature enough to begin breeding in 1981.

Captive propagation, everyone agrees, will never be the answer to saving cranes. It is merely a complement to preservation and management of natural habitats and the enforcement of regulations to protect the species.

"In this regard, the future of cranes depends on what area of the world you're looking at," Archibald says. "To nest, cranes require large expanses of wetlands, which are



CHICK: hand-fed by an ornithologist being destroyed rapidly in tropical regions. Some of these areas are also in political turmoil. We've perhaps lost one subspecies, the eastern Sarus crane, from Vietnam, Cambodia and other parts of Southeast Asia. This is the bleak side.

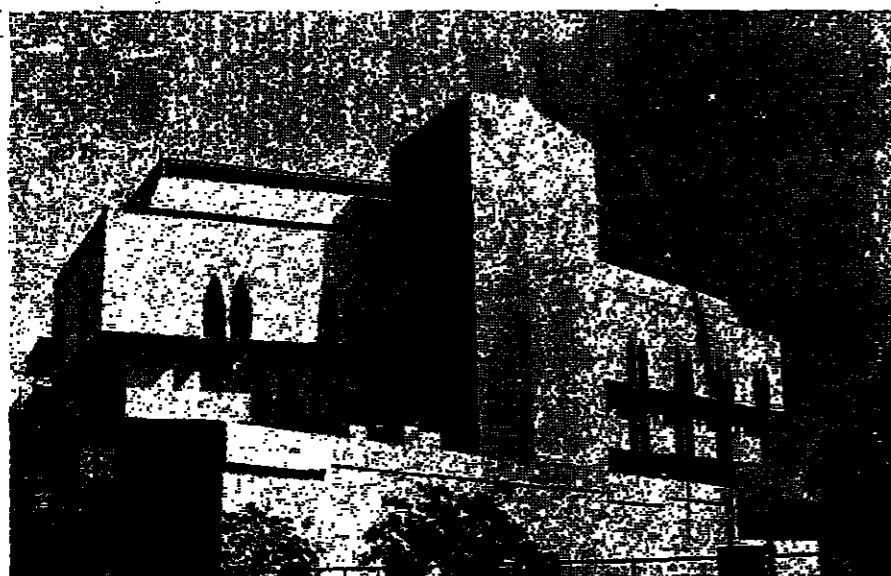
"But we're encouraged by the response from many countries, such as Zambia, Botswana and Thailand, which are receptive to putting aside sanctuaries and restocking cranes in the wild."

"Fortunately, cranes are big, beautiful birds. They are attractive to display in zoos and there's an interest in saving them. As a result, I don't believe we're going to lose any species." (Smithsonian News Service)



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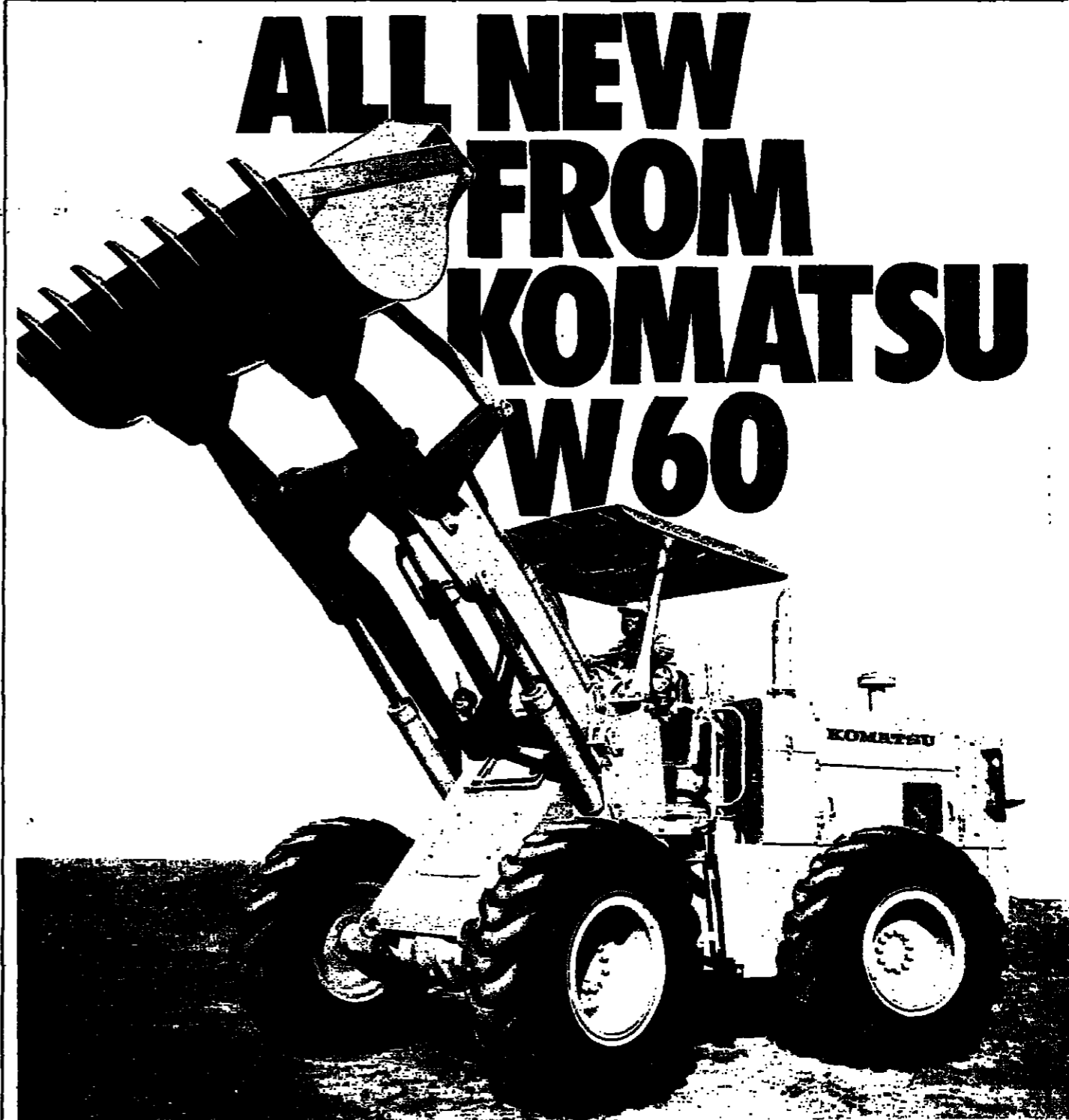
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Pre-inauguration bureaucracy

Unwieldy team belies Reagan pledge

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP) — Despite campaign statements condemning an unwieldy federal bureaucracy, President-elect Ronald Reagan paradoxically has launched one of the most complex transition teams in American history. The team's organization chart alone is several pages long.

In addition to the work groups assigned to study the activities of each government department, hundreds of team members — whose offices occupy nine stories in an office building here — are working on reports for the president-elect and his main advisors.

In the state and defense departments alone, 130 people have been assigned to 25 groups, led by Fred Ikle, former director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. They report to a smaller group of

16 people, who in turn report to Reagan. The interior and treasury departments are being studied by 329 people in 23 specialized groups.

Monday Reagan instituted a new group, charged with compiling all recommendations made by the team since the Nov. 4 election, and organizing for the president-elect and designated cabinet members a political action program around Reagan's campaign promises.

The Washington press has called attention to the irony of such bureaucratic proliferation, and warned about the possible wasting of taxpayers' money. In an article Monday headlined: "The Transition: Loose Reins on an Instant Bureaucracy", the *Washington Post* pointed out that the transition team would spend more than the official transition allocation of \$2 mil-

lion. Without mentioning the large expenditure, spokesmen for the transition team underscored the importance of what they call "smooth" changeover. They also said that any expenses exceeding the federal allocation would be financed by voluntary contributions. Some 2,500 letters have already been sent soliciting donations.

Meanwhile, the 538-seat electoral college met Monday to officially elect the next U.S. president and vice-president. Though a legally necessary step in the presidential election process, the vote was more or less a formality to confirm the victory of Reagan and Vice President-elect George Bush. The Republicans won a majority in 44 states, representing a total of 489 electoral college votes.

Thatcher rejects demands

23 prisoners join N. Ireland hunger strike

BELFAST, Dec. 16 (AP) — Twenty-three convicted Irish Republican Army guerrillas in the Maze prison Monday joined a hunger strike "to the death" by seven comrades seeking political prisoner status, the British government announced. Six more pledged to stop eating beginning Tuesday.

The surprise move came as the government reported the condition of the original seven protesters was deteriorating. The action intensified pressure on Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to give in to the guerrillas' demands, but the Northern Ireland Office (NIO), which administers the troubled province, said in a statement: "The government regrets the action taken, but... refuses to give special status to particular prisoners." The strike began Oct. 27.

In addition, six Maze prisoners who are members of the Protestant Ulster Defense Association — bitter opponents of the IRA — have been on hunger strike since Friday demanding political status, although without the support of their parent organization.

Britain rejects the IRA demand on the grounds it would give political respectability to terrorists. A NIO spokesman said the 23 guerrillas held in three of the Maze's H-shaped cellblocks refused breakfast Monday morning.

All the men, like the seven who began the hunger strike, were among some 500 IRA and Irish National Liberation Army men in the Maze who have been waging cellblock protests for four years demanding treatment as political prisoners rather than criminals because their actions were politically motivated.

Two of the original seven, Sean McKenna, 26, and Tommy McKearney, 28, cannot even keep the liquid down and were vomiting bile, said relatives who visited them Monday. Prison officials told McKenna his eyesight is

gravely affected by his lack of food, and he may go permanently blind unless he accepts medical aid which he has so far refused.

Going without food for 12 hours produces discomfort in a healthy person. Doctors explained that the hunger strikers are surviving because they are taking water, being kept warm and doing no work.

The outlawed IRA and smaller INLA, almost exclusively Roman Catholic movements, are fighting to end British rule in this predominantly Protestant province. The protesters refuse to wear uniforms or do prison

work and smear their cells with excrement. They wear only blankets.

Three women IRA guerrillas serving long sentences in Armagh Prison joined the hunger strike two weeks ago. The hunger strike, traditionally used by the IRA to force political concessions from the British, has stirred widespread support among Northern Ireland's 500,000-strong Catholic minority.

Monday's move came as the widow of a police inspector killed by one of the original seven hunger-strikers begged them to give up their fast.

1,500 youths riot in West Berlin

BERLIN, Dec. 16 (AP) — About 1,500 persons battled with police along West Berlin's main street after the police tried to break up a demonstration in sympathy with apartment "squatters," authorities said.

Some of the demonstrators, most of them young people, threw stones at police along the fashionable Kurfurstendamm, police said. Several demonstrators were injured, but authorities gave no exact figure.

It was the third housing protest in a week in the western sector of the divided city. About

60 policemen and dozens of demonstrators were injured Friday night as police broke up an attempt to occupy an empty house. About 1,000 persons marched peacefully on Saturday to protest the arrests of 22 persons in the brawl.

Monday's demonstration was called through anonymously-distributed leaflets to protest the earlier arrests. City officials say "squatters" occupy about 100 apartments in 20 buildings in West Berlin, where housing for the 2 million residents is in short supply.

Paulo Muwanga named Uganda vice-president

KAMPALA, Dec. 16 (Agencies) — Uganda's interim military ruler Paulo Muwanga was Tuesday made vice-president and defense minister in the new government of President Milton Obote. Radio Uganda reported. The radio also named seven other ministers one day after Obote was sworn in as president.

Muwanga is head of the military commission which seized power last May, and which opponents of Obote paved the way for the new president's victory in elections last week. Officials expect the commission to be

abolished in the next few days.

Several hours after being sworn in Monday, Obote ordered the release of former President Godfrey Binaisa from house arrest.

Binaisa, who had been held under Tanzanian guard in Entebbe — 33.6 kilometers from Kampala — since his ouster by a military commission last May, was brought to State House in Entebbe to meet Obote and members of the parliament. According to reports from State House, Obote said Binaisa's release was an example of his promise to bring about reconciliation in Uganda.

Violent politicals barred from U.S. programs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (WP) — The Senate, angered by a Communist couple from rural Virginia, enrolled in a federal job skills program, has voted unanimously to deny federal training or employment to anyone who publicly advocates the violent overthrow of the government.

The Senate voice vote, which some say raises constitutional questions about freedom of speech, was directed at Dorothy and Allen Bliz of Martinsville in southern Virginia. The Blizes, a couple in their early 30s who say they support the armed overthrow of the government, are learning how to become a brick mason and a carpenter under a federal job training program.

Representative W.C. "Dan" Daniel, whose district includes the mill town and is infuriated by what his constituents call "the Blitz situation," persuaded Senators Ernest Hollings, of South Carolina, and Harry Byrd, of Virginia, to introduce the training and

employment ban.

"I just don't want anyone who advocates the overthrow of the system benefiting from that system," said Daniel, a six-term conservative who last month introduced a similar bill in the House. The House is expected to consider the Senate measure soon as an amendment to the federal government's omnibus spending bill for fiscal 1981.

On the Senate floor Senator William Proxmire, of Wisconsin, joined the southern conservatives and spoke in favor of the measure. It would prohibit the Blizes from continuing to earn \$3.10 an hour while working 35 hours a week in the Virginia program, funded by the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA). "I don't know how anybody would possibly object to this amendment," Proxmire said.

Objections, however, were voiced by prominent civil rights attorney Joseph Rauh of Washington, who accused congress of "learning little from the old McCarthy days." Rauh, a veteran liberal lawyer and leader of Americans for Democratic Action, said it "hardly seems sensible" that the ban is moving through congress at the same time that it is considering abolishing the Smith Act. That

1940 law, which has not been enforced for the past 20 years, makes it a crime to advocate the forcible or violent overthrow of the government.

"The defeat of McCarthyism in the '50s inoculated this country against this sort of thing," Rauh said. "What frightens me is that the inoculation appears to be wearing off."

Byrd, a Virginia newspaper publisher, said that the Senate vote has nothing to do with freedom of speech. "I think the Blizes should have freedom of speech. But should the taxpayers funds be used to subsidize this?" asked Byrd. "This is not a question of freedom of speech, anyhow. They are being deprived of no civil rights that I can see. Congress has the right to circumscribe the way tax funds are expended."

According to Wesley McCune, who monitors rightist political groups for group research, a Washington-based organization, the Senate action represents a change of course for congress. "I can't remember congressional reaction of this sort since the House un-American activities committee was folded (in January 1975) after the Watergate reforms," he said.

Up comes asphalt as crews seek ancient Rome

ROME, Dec. 16 (AP) — Earthmoving machinery began ripping up the pavement in the heart of ancient Rome on Monday in the first of a series of moves to turn the forums and the Colosseum into an "archaeological park" without traffic.

Mayor Luigi Petroselli and other top officials of the Communist-led administration attended a ceremony to mark the closing of Via Della Consolazione as part of the war on automobile pollution that is turning some of Rome's famed monuments to dust. The street winds through the forums and into Via

Dei Fori Imperiali, which the city also wants to close to automobile traffic when its devices alternate routes for cars.

Via Della Consolazione has been shut to traffic temporarily since Sept. 1979, when an earthquake which struck central Italy shook up monuments in Rome.

The project, which will take about two months to complete, calls for removal of the pavement and digging down two meters to the level of an ancient path through the forums, which were the center of official life of the Roman Empire.

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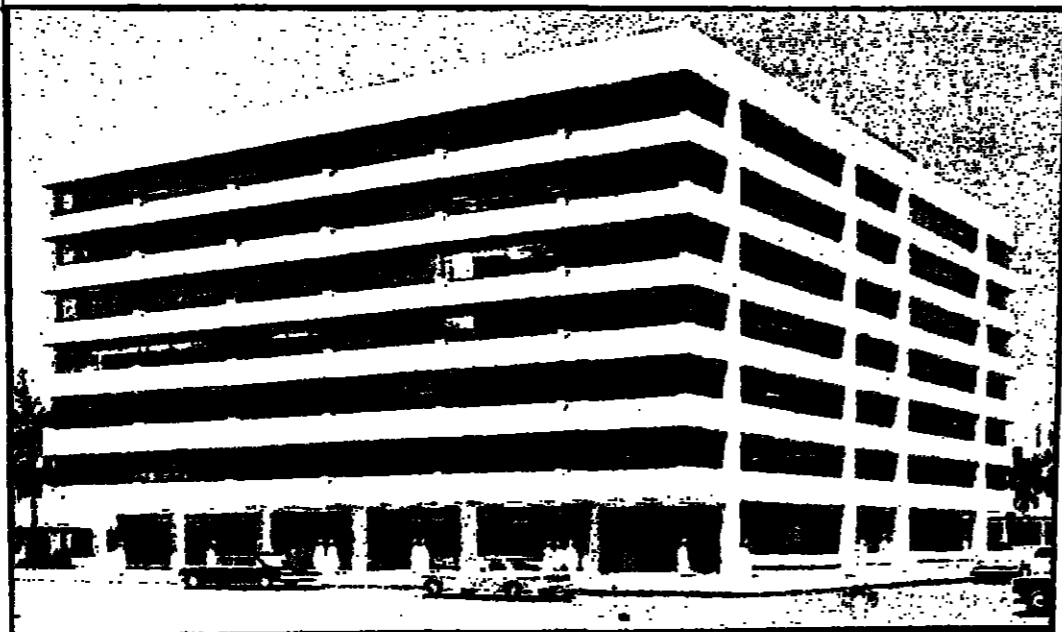
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Power shift in crown colony

Chinese business coups topple British 'hongs'

HONG KONG, Dec. 16 (LAT) — Now that the smoke has lifted from what a local commentator aptly called "The Gunfight at the HK Corral," it is clear that Hong Kong's economic power structure will never be the same again.

In a classic, Kipling-esque, East-West confrontation, a newly-emerging breed of fiercely aggressive Chinese tycoons has shattered the economic pre-eminence of the British Taipans, who have ruled this outpost of freebooting capitalism since the opium wars of the mid-19th century.

The proud, arrogant old British trading companies, traditionally called "Hongs" but today more accurately and unromantically called "conglomerates," are still standing and it would be premature to proclaim their demise. But their ranks have been broken and their aura of invincibility smashed. Some observers suggest that the British-run hongs are entering a twilight period as this gateway to mainland China becomes "more Chinese."

Instead of calling the show as they have for more than a century, the British taipans have been hard put to hold on to their hongs against takeover bids by marauding Chinese raiders.

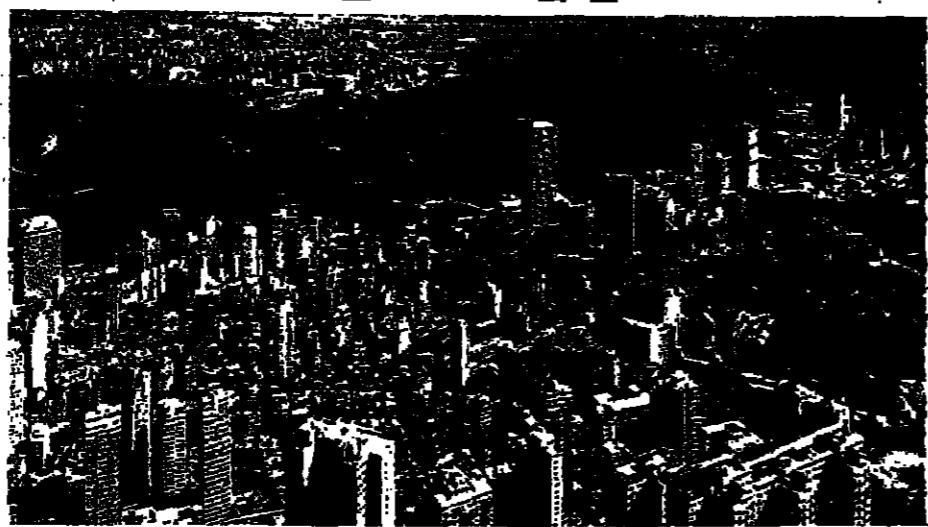
Although Hong Kong's population is 99 per cent ethnic Chinese, the great hongs were until recently almost exclusively private British clubs, and although Hong Kong officially is still a British colony, its British administrators winced at the word.

Colonies, they point out severely, are out of date. With a deferential nod to Peking, they prefer to describe Hong Kong as Chinese territory under British administration — or, more simply, as "the territory."

One of the more exquisite ironies of the changing times is that the present trend, carried to its logical conclusion, may result in a reversal of traditional roles. Instead of the Chinese serving as agents for the British, as they have for 140 years, the British may wind up serving the Chinese.

The Chinese Communists, who are behaving a lot like capitalists these days, have always had a vested interest in keeping Hong Kong the way it is as a financial and commercial bridgehead to the West.

They have nothing of their own remotely like it. Moreover, to protect their interest they have invested about \$2 billion in Hong Kong. In the towering glass-and-concrete jungle that is Hong Kong, where new skyscrapers seem to sprout overnight and money is supreme, there is no more feared a predator than a modest, unassuming Chinese



GOING CHINESE: The ethnic Chinese of Hong Kong, gateway to mainland China, have only recently begun snatching away the reins of business from British taipans. But the trend is growing, and soon the British may be forced into the role of servants to the Chinese, who once served them.

named Li Ka-Shing.

Sometimes known as "The Cash" because of his seemingly magical ability to raise vast sums of money at a moment's notice, the 52-year-old Li is by far the most talked-about man in Hong Kong.

A one-time toy salesman who is \$10 million in plastic flowers before moving on to bigger things, Li is the idol of Chinese school-boys and the envy of would-be rivals. His spectacularly successful assaults on entrenched British interests have made him an instant folk hero to thousands of Chinese — while at the same time exciting the awe and admiration of less skilled financial operators.

Li, who runs, a \$2-billion empire from the 20th floor of the China Building, where Chinese secretaries in designer jeans glide noiselessly over carpeted floors, is the embodiment of the new breed of Hong Kong mandarin.

"He could be called a Taipan (big boss) except that the word is equated with foreign devil," a Chinese admirer said.

"Impeccable timing and instant liquidity are the keys to his success," a British banker said. "Essentially, he's a trader, and there's nobody in Hong Kong who can touch him."

One thing that may help Li is that he is a Chiuchow man, from nearby Guangdong province. According to other Chinese, Chiuchow people are a breed apart, notoriously clanish and secretive, which are useful

qualities in Hong Kong's financial jungle. They are known as the Scots of China.

Yet no breath of scandal has touched Li, at least publicly, which is more than can be said for a good many other Hong Kong tycoons, whether Chinese or British.

For a toy salesman, Li has come a long way. He not only sits on the board of the enduring pillar of British capitalism, the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, which prints Hong Kong's money, but is one of only three Hong Kong Chinese who are directors of the China International Trust and Investment Corp.

Dispassionate observers say the British-run hongs have only themselves to blame for being caught napping by the Chinese blitz. "The Chinese have owned the bulk of Hong Kong's wealth for the last 20 years,"

said Bill Wylie, the hard driving Australian who heads Hutchison Whampoa, one of Hong Kong's major conglomerates. "But the Chinese money wasn't visible because it wasn't publicly quoted. Now all that has changed."

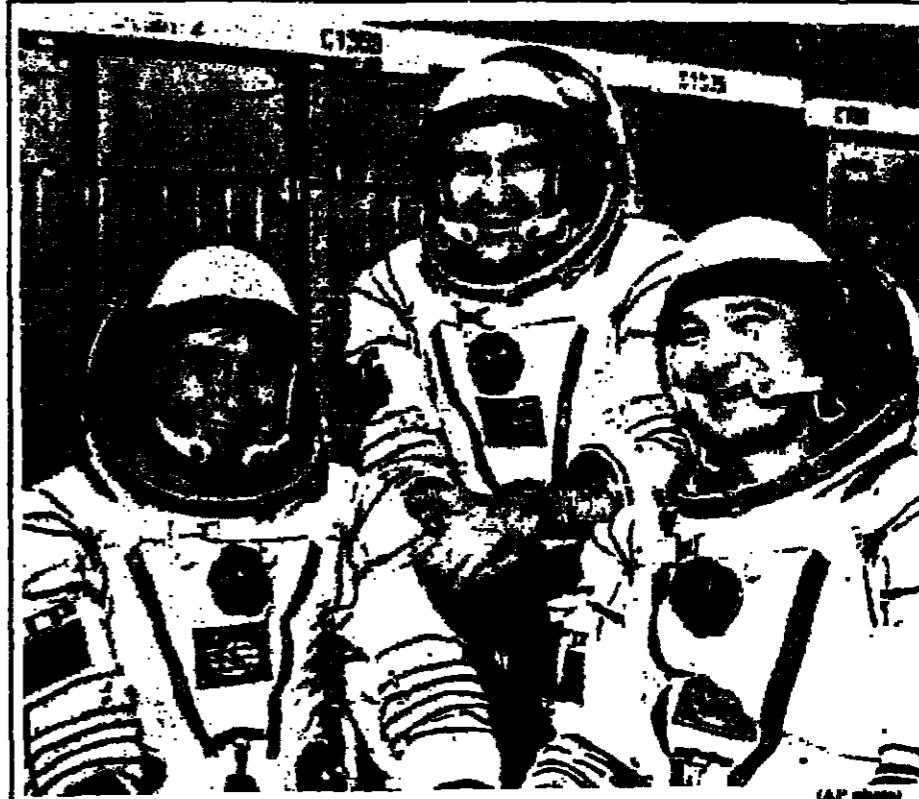
Chinese raiders have been circling the British camp, biting off juicy morsels here and there, for the past three years. But it was not until last year that the action exploded into the big time, with a Chinese acquiring a major interest in one of the great hongs.

Suddenly, out of the blue, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank sold its 22 per cent in Hutchison Whampoa, which it had bailed out in a rescue operation in 1975, to Li Ka-Shing's Cheung Kong Holding Company. To some it looked as if the powerful British-owned bank had stabbed its countrymen in the back by selling out to the Chinese.

Wylie was furious, but for different reasons. First, the bank had put him in charge of Hutchison to turn it around, which he did in short order. Second, the bank did not even bother to tell him before selling the stock. Third, and most important according to Wylie, the terms of the sale were overly generous.

Wylie felt that he could have got a far better deal for the stockholders if he had only known the bank's intention. As it was, Li got the stock for only \$20 million down and with no interest on the remaining 80 per cent of the purchase price, which was deferred for up to two years. Li still had not made the second payment.

Michael Sandberg, chairman of the bank, dismissed Wylie's complaint by reminding him that he was only the chief executive officer, not the owner of Hutchison. Besides, he added, "We made \$100 million on the deal...to quote Liberator, we were crying all the way to the bank."



HOME SAFE: Members of the Soviet Union's Soyuz T-3 crew gather before their recent orbital flight, which returned safe to earth earlier this month. They are, from left, Leonid Kyzim, Oleg Makarov and Gennadi Strekalov.

Hammer buys Da Vinci manuscript

LONDON, Dec. 16 (AFP) — The Leicester Codex, one of the major manuscripts of Leonardo Da Vinci, was recently sold by Christie's Auction House to U.S. industrialist Armand Hammer for the record sum of \$5.2 million.

Hammer, 82, known for his pioneering efforts in launching trade relations between the United States and the Soviet Union, heads the group Occidental Petroleum based in Los Angeles. He visits Moscow frequently

and has had private meetings with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev.

The manuscript, dealing with the physics of water, had belonged to the counts of Leicester since 1717, but after the fifth count died in 1976, his heirs put it up for sale to pay off death duties. Over the past months, British authorities tried to keep the manuscript in Britain and the arts ministry said Hammer would need an export licence to take it out of the country.

Pressure, displays of concern inaugurate Chun's 'new era'

SEOUL, Dec. 16 (LAT) — On the afternoon of Nov. 12, Hong Jin Ki, president of the Tongyang Broadcasting Co., was ordered to appear immediately at headquarters of South Korea's defense security command. With his instinct for Korean social ranking, Hong thought he would be seeing Lt. Gen. Ro Tau U, who took over the security command when Gen. Chun Doo Hwan vacated the post to become president of the nation.

Instead, a junior army officer received Hong, informing him perfunctorily that Tongyang Broadcasting, South Korea's only all privately owned television network, was to be amalgamated with the government-run KBS network. The officer told Hong to sign a prepared statement, pledging not to contest the amalgamation.

When Hong protested, saying the network's owner was out of town, the officer coolly suggested that Hong might prefer to "continue the conversation" at the interrogation office of the security command. Hong signed the pledge. Lacking his official seal, he was forced to affix a fingerprint to the document.

Two days later, the Korean Broadcasting Association announced publicly that its members, Hong's network included, had agreed to carry out "renovative structural reform... on a voluntary basis." Tongyang Broadcasting stopped operations Nov. 30.

Hong's experience, shared by other mass media executives, and the way it was subsequently portrayed to the public, said a lot about what ex-army strongman Chun calls the "new era" of South Korean politics.

Although Chun doffed his army uniform before assuming the presidency, the army is calling the shots in Chun's "new era" in nearly all fields: politics, mass media, and in the reforms that have been ordered in the economy and business.

Bureaucrats who survived Chun's summer purge of 8,667 officials are reported making day-to-day economic policy decisions. They have also been charged with implementing economic reforms ordered by the army, but otherwise, the "new era" is an army show.

To make sure it would be, Chun abolished the national assembly when he established a new constitution that was approved in a referendum held under martial law. In its place, the ex-general appointed an 81-

member legislative council to enact laws until elections for a new assembly are held, probably next June.

"Of the 81, at least 50 — the civilians — are forced to be in the legislative council for the sake of appearances. They have nothing to do with anything that is being legislated," one foreign diplomat said.

Young army officers fresh out of uniform are running all committees and drafting all legislation, the diplomat said. The tasks of



President Chun

political intimidation and policy advice which used to be part of the job of the Korean central intelligence Agency have been transferred to the defense security command, which Chun used as a platform to elevate himself from obscurity to the presidency after President Park Chung Hee was assassinated Oct. 26, 1979, diplomats said.

All of the country's major business leaders have been called in for sessions at the security command, Koreans in a position to know said, to ensure that they go along with whatever reforms Chun and the army wish to impose.

The mass media, still heavily censored, was purged of about 720 journalists branded as advocates of a free press. The "structural reform" announced Nov. 14 eliminated newscasts by all privately owned radio and television stations and merged all of the nation's news agencies into one single agency. Yet, the political scene in South Korea is quieter than it was at any time between 1972, when Park assumed authoritarian powers, and 1979, when he was assassinated.

Chun is trying hard to get popular support. Hardly a day passes without an unannounced visit by Chun to coal miners, street vendors, apartment dwellers, fishermen, firemen, athletes, or some other kind of average "little man." Chun's reforms have so far stressed the interests of the "little man" far more than those of Park ever did, but the public display of concern is also seen by some as an admission that Chun knows he still lacks popular backing.

Recently, Chun has fallen back upon the tried-and-tested technique of whipping up anti-Japanese sentiment in an obvious bid for more support. Enmity against Japan, which ruled Korea from 1910 to 1945, runs high here, and ill feelings toward South Korea, whose agents kidnapped former presidential candidate Kim Dae Jung from Tokyo in 1973, run deep in Japan.

Inside the army, his chief prop, Chun's power is far from total. Army hardliners who want Kim executed regardless of international protests are considered certain to give trouble if he uses presidential powers to reduce the death sentence imposed by court-martial.

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Transglobe trio reach S. Pole

LONDON, Dec. 16 (AP) — Sir Ranulph Twissleton-Wykeham-Fiennes and two other members of the British Transglobe Expedition launched by Prince Charles last year reached the South Pole Monday, the expedition's London base reported.

The base said the 36-year-old baronet, leader of the expedition, and his companions Charlie Burton and Ollie Shepard, crossed 1,440 kms of Antarctic wilderness on snow scooters to reach an American scientific base located at the pole.

"It is marvelous news," said David Mason, one of the expedition's ice team reserves currently at the London base. "They have made it to the South Pole weeks ahead of schedule. They must have been working very hard because conditions have been bad."

"We expect them to stay at the pole for two or three days before heading off on the next 800 miles (1,280 kms) to McMurdo (site of another American base) on the coast."

McNamara says 800m people live on margin of life

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP) — World Bank President Robert S. McNamara says roughly 800 million people "are literally living on the margin of life — just bordering between life and death." The World Bank today serves roughly 100 developing countries, containing some 2.25 billion people, excluding China, McNamara says. "If these countries do not advance economically, the number of people who are trapped in poverty will increase. It's a disgrace to the human race that we tolerate such a situation."

McNamara has headed the World Bank since April, 1968, and will retire in June. In an interview with *U.S. News* he was asked how are these 800 million people on the margin of life and what countries do they live in.

"They are what we have termed the absolute poor," he replied. "One can divide the approximately 100 developing countries into two broad groups: one group represents the low-income countries, with roughly 1.25 billion people. These include countries such as India, Bangladesh, Kenya and most of sub-Saharan Africa. "And the other group comprises the middle-income countries, with roughly a billion people: countries such as Brazil, Korea and Turkey. There are absolutely poor in each of those two groups of nations — some 600 to 625 million in the low-income countries and some 150 to 170 million in the middle-income group."

McNamara was asked why aren't the

developing nations able to grow faster than they have, and why can't some feed their people. He responded: "On balance, they have learned to feed their own people. Take India. The World Bank is very active in agriculture there. Compare the year 1966 and 1980, for example. Both were drought periods. In 1966, India produced 72 million tons of cereal grain. In this past year, it produced 116 million tons. That is a 60 per cent increase in 14 years, and India did not have to import grain this time."

"What I am saying is that there has been great progress in these countries. Life expectancy increased on the order of 40 per cent, on average, between 1950 and 1975. Never before in the history of the world has life expectancy of any large number of people increased 40 per cent in a quarter century." Asked if there are any prospects that the Communist countries will give more aid to the very poor countries, McNamara said: "You'd have to address that question to them. Today, aid by the Soviet bloc is so small it's virtually not measurable. It's roughly 0.40 per cent of their GNP."

In the meantime, the United States signed four agreements in New Delhi Monday providing \$100 million in aid to India. The first agreement for \$35.6 million will be used for providing credit to Indian farmers for ground water development, while the second accord for \$20 million is to support medium-scale irrigation projects in Rajasthan state.

Soviets decide to save industrial fuel, energy

MOSCOW, Dec. 16 (R) — The Soviet Union's new five-year plan for 1981-85 will include urgent measures for saving industrial fuel and energy, the Soviet News Agency Tass reported Tuesday. Tass said steps would be taken to save 240 to 250 million tons of coal over the period, or 50 million tons a year. The agency said substantial savings would be effected by using secondary fuel and energy resources.

The plan, published Dec. 2, is supposed to meet modest economic targets for the next five years and disclosed that Soviet oil production, the world's largest, is unlikely to grow much further in the near future. Last October, State Planning Committee Chairman Nikolai Baibakov told the Supreme Soviet (parliament) that energy supplies would be tight next year and called for greater conservation efforts throughout the economy.

Meanwhile oil exports by the Soviet Union to the West will remain high until 1985 and not fall as some Western forecasts predict, a British economic research group said in London Tuesday. After 1985, Soviet oil exports may drop sharply but there will be a swift rise in its gas exports, a report by the economist intelligence unit added.

The report disputed predictions by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency that Soviet oil production would decline rapidly in the early 1980s placing a heavy strain on world supplies. It also disagreed with what it said

were common Western beliefs that poor technology was hindering the Soviet oil and gas industry and that the Soviet Union considered its domestic needs more important than exports.

Soviet oil exports to the West would be about 60 million tons (420 million barrels) in 1985 compared with 59 million tons (413 million barrels) in 1979, the report said.

Soviet exports would fall after 1985 because of rising domestic consumption but its total oil output would continue to increase, going up from 606 million tons (4.2 billion barrels) in 1980 to 700 million tons (4.9 billion barrels) in 1985 and 750 million tons (5.3 billion barrels) in 1990.

Maintaining high exports of oil and gas was a key part of Soviet policy because of the country's need for hard currency from the West, said the report, which was written by David Wilson, a specialist in Soviet affairs at Leeds University. Without rises in their output, the Soviet Union would face insuperable economic problems by the end of the decade, the report went on.

"The Russians are undoubtedly aware of this, and can be expected to make every conceivable effort to push up the volumes of fuel produced, as well as maintain the pace of their atomic and hydro power programs," David Wilson said. There was no sign of emergency switching of resources to oil production from other sectors which might signify a crisis in the oil industry, Wilson added.

Western nations competing to grab Soviet gas project

PARIS, Dec. 16 (R) — Despite the cooling in East-West relations since the Soviet move into Afghanistan, Western European nations are competing to grab a share of a multi-billion-dollar gas pipeline project that will increase their dependence on Soviet energy. Japan and the United States are also expected to play leading roles in building the \$12-billion pipeline to bring Natunikrivjam the isolated Yamal Peninsula in northern Siberia to the borders of Eastern Europe.

Washington post-Afghanistan sanctions against Moscow have not stopped a U.S. company winning a lucrative order to supply equipment for the scheme. But the main competition is between France, West Germany, Austria, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Switzerland. These countries are engaged in what has been known as a "Poker Game", vying with each other to provide financial and technical assistance in return for long-term gas supply contracts.

The 5,000 km pipeline, which should be

operational by 1986, will carry between 40 and 45 billion cubic meters of natural gas a year, reducing Western Europe's dependence on Middle East oil imports.

The "Poker Game" description, coined by a spokesman for West Germany's largest gas supplier, Ruhrgas AG, has been echoed by Western banking sources. Moscow would probably play off French and West German banks against each other in order to get the most favorable loan terms, they said.

But the West, too, is using the pipeline as a bargaining chip. NATO foreign ministers indicated last week they would consider cancelling the project if the Soviet Union intervened in Poland.

France, which already meets around 15 per cent of its annual needs with Soviet gas, has so far taken the lead in negotiations. The French government is backing a \$3.3 billion loan to the Soviets from three French banks to finance the purchase of pipeline equipment, it was announced last week.

D'Estaing urges OECD aides to overcome crisis together

PARIS, Dec. 16 (R) — Warning that the world now faces the most serious, longest and most testing economic crisis since the 1930s, President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing Tuesday told the industrial democracies they must work together. At a ceremony for the 20th anniversary of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), he said the effects of high inflation, widespread unemployment and expensive energy were being felt deeply by ordinary people in their daily lives.

Giscard d'Estaing called on all 24 OECD nations to work together to overcome the crisis, adding it would be wrong for any country to isolate itself in trying to solve its problems. The OECD groups the major Western industrial nations plus Japan, Australia and New Zealand.

In a special message, President Carter recalled that the OECD was founded after the successful reconstruction of Europe fol-

lowing World War II. He said it had benefited the world community by promoting prosperity, stability and economic development.

Giscard d'Estaing said the industrial world must raise its economic growth, cut excessive inflation, conserve energy and find new sources, and improve its relations with the Third World. France will be host at a United Nations conference on the economic problems of the developing world in Paris next September.

OECD Secretary-General Emile van Tienepoort told member-nations' ambassadors they had reached a remarkable consensus earlier this year in agreeing to give priority to curbing inflation. The OECD hopes this will restore growth and reduce unemployment. Informed sources said OECD figures next week are expected to predict a rise of more than 25 million unemployed throughout the OECD area by the end of next year.

Trade union leaders have said the tough anti-inflation monetary line of many governments has pushed up unemployment. Van Tienepoort said the horizon was dark with problems but these could be overcome without resorting to protectionism if countries showed more flexibility where necessary in adopting broad policies to stimulate trade.

BRIEFS

WARSAW, Poland, (AP) — A gas blow-out at a drilling rig in northern Poland eight days ago has developed into a huge fire fueled by what is reported to be a large oil deposit, officials said Monday. The Polish state television said that blaze at Karfino, near Koszalin on the Baltic coast, "is the biggest such explosion so far in Europe."

NEW YORK, (AP) — The stock market turned mixed Monday as the rally that began Friday gradually faded. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, up 8.70 Friday, was down nearly four points half an hour before the close.

LIMA, Peru, (R) — A two-week-old strike by oil workers in northern Peru ended Monday after the government agreed to set up a commission to study their demands, a government spokesman said. The strike, which began with the occupation of 36 offshore rigs and was marked by violent clashes between police and strikers on land, was called over demands for the reinstatement of dismissed workers and guarantees against future layoffs.

HONG KONG, (AFP) — China is not planning to devalue its currency, the Yuan, as rumored in the world currency trading circles for the past few days, a spokesman for the Chinese general administration of foreign exchange control said Monday. But he added that new exchange rate will be adopted beginning next year for internal settlement of accounts.

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Quoted at 4:00 P.M. Tuesday

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Canadian Dollar	2.77	—	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	169.00	170.00	166.25
Dutch Guilder (100)	156.00	—	153.00
Egyptian Pound	—	4.40	4.45
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	91.00	90.90
French Franc (100)	73.00	73.25	71.25
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	75.00	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	42.00
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.50	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	36.00	36.60	36.00
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.00	—	16.15
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.86	10.75
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.24
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	90.80	89.35
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	83.00	81.75
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	44.50
Saudi Riyal (100)	—	—	7.75
Pound Sterling	7.78	7.85	91.75
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	92.00	91.75
Singapore Dollar	—	—	1.50
Spanish Peso (1,000)	—	44.50	45.75
Swiss Franc (100)	187.00	192.00	185.00
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Ministry of Education	Designing and supervision of the National Book House project, Riyadh	19/M	3000	Dec. 27
" " "	Construction of secondary school buildings (model No. 1) comprising 18 classrooms, in different regions	20/M	3000	Jan. 3
Directorate General of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Western Province	Temporary asphalt in a rural complex in Qatif	41	300	Dec. 20
Province Municipality of Jeddah	Construction of Al-Fairouz park	37	1000	Dec. 23
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In-form Toohey left out

Australia unchanged for India match

SYDNEY, Dec. 16 (AP) — The Australian selectors have resisted the temptation to make drastic changes to the side for the World Series Cup match against India at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Thursday, despite their ordinary form in the series so far.

Rodney Hogg replaces Geoff Lawson in the only change to the team that beat New Zealand in Melbourne last Sunday week, but Hogg is the likely 12th man, so the playing 11 should be the same.

Victorian all-rounder Shaun Gref, 12th man in the Perth test win over New Zealand, looks certain to replace Hogg.

Many experts considered the in-form New South Welshman Peter Toohey should have

Altringham goes through

LONDON, Dec. 16 (AFP) — Liverpool schoolteacher John Davison sent ambitious non-leaguers Altringham on their way to a lucrative third round tie against league champions Liverpool at Anfield on Jan. 3 with a 30th minute penalty.

Altringham, a side of part-timers from just outside Manchester, beat Fourth Division Scunthorpe 1-0 in their second round FA Cup replay.

After a hectic opening in which either side could have taken the lead, Scunthorpe's goalkeeper Joe Neenan needlessly lost his temper and crudely felled Altringham's challenging skipper John King.

Davison made no mistake from the spot, sending Neenan the wrong way.

Scunthorpe had more chances and came on strong in the final stages but they lacked the finishing touch and Altringham earned the right to meet the English league champions in the next round.

After the match, Altringham boss Tony Sanders, a former Everton player who lives a stone's throw from the Anfield ground, said of the Liverpool match: "To our lads this will be even better than walking out at Wembley."

Four Altringham players — John King, John Owens, Stan Allan and John Rogers are all Liverpool-born and bred.

At Hereford, Hereford United turned out their Fourth Division side for Monday's reserve league match with Luton Town and were beaten 2-1.

made the team after his magnificent 145 on a difficult Melbourne Cricket Ground wicket in the Sheffield Shield match against Victoria last weekend.

They claimed Toohey should have displaced his state team-mate Trevor Chappell, who looks to have a battle on his hands to hold his shield spot for the match against Queensland starting at Friday.

Trevor Chappell's bowling in the limited over matches has been far more impressive than his batting and has almost certainly enabled him to retain his place in the side.

Thursday night's match will be only the second between Australia and India this season and the Indians are entitled to favoritism following their 66 run win over the home side in Melbourne on December 6 and their subsequent win over New Zealand.

But the Indians will be having their first match under lights and this gives Australia a definite advantage.

The winning side will move to six points and the outright lead, but India are in a comfortable position, having played two matches less than Australia.

The two match advantage for India could be a real problem for Greg Chappell's team with India and New Zealand meeting in Bris-

bane and Adelaide in preliminary matches during the next fortnight.

Indian skipper and champion opening batsman Sunil Gavaskar, a failure in each of the cup matches so far, returned to form with a great 85 against Tasmania last weekend and is ominously due for a big limited over score.

Gavaskar, if he gets going, is almost impossible to bowl to, and is capable of winning the match almost off his own bat.

Star all-rounder, Kapil Dev, has been bowling well, but has been dismissed cheaply in each of the one-day games, and is also ready for a significant innings.

Gavaskar has maintained from the start of the tour that despite a lack of experience in hard limited over competitions, his team has the allround strength to provide problems for the Australians.

From Chappell's point of view, Australia must win Thursday's match because of the programming that then allows New Zealand and India to play those matches in Brisbane and Adelaide, before the Australians again have a crack at either of them.

It is quite conceivable that after Thursday's match and the games in Brisbane and Adelaide, both India and New Zealand could be ahead of Australia in the cup table.

Cousins leads skating victory

LANDOVER, Maryland, Dec. 16 (AP) — Great Britain's Robin Cousins and the Hungarian dance team of Krisztina Regoczy and Andras Sally led a team of 1980 figure skating champions to a narrow victory over a team of former champions Monday night in the first-ever World Professional championship.

After 13 separate performances, the winning margin for the current champions was just four hundredths of a point.

The skating championships included skaters who had captured a total of eight Olympic medals and 26 world championships. Each member of the winning team received \$25,000 the second-place finishers, \$10,000.

The winning team also included America's Charlie Tickner and Linda Fratianne, eight-time Japanese champion Emi Watanabe and U.S. pairs champions Tai Babilonia and Randy Gardner.

The second-place finishers — it would be hard to call them losers — included former world champions Dorothy Hamill, John

Curry, Peggy Fleming, Toller Cranston and former American champions Jo Jo Starbuck, Ken Shelley, Colleen O'Connor and Jim Mil-lins.

Under the intricate team-scoring system each of the eight skaters appeared on the ice three times for a compulsory free program, a free-style program and, in an event not seen in North America for half a century, a group program featuring all eight team members on the ice at the same time.

The competition lacked the intensity of amateur medal skating, but the performers more than lived up to their billing as the world's greatest skaters.

The older stars, most notably 1968 Olympic gold and three-time world champion Peggy Fleming, were the sentimental favorites, but the standing ovations were reserved for Babilonia and Gardner and former U.S. men's champion Tickner.

The judges were most impressed with the flawless performance of Cousins, the pride of the British Isles and the 1980 gold medalist at Lake Placid.



HIGHEST: Dave Parker, reputed to be one of the highest paid players in the baseball league

Winfield joins N.Y. Yankees

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP) — Slugger Dave Winfield became the richest free agent in baseball history Monday, joining the New York Yankees' well-stocked galaxy of highly priced stars for an estimated \$1.5 million a year and insisting he could have made more elsewhere.

Winfield, 29, jumped the lowly San Diego Padres, with whom he spent the first eight years of his big league career, to sign a multi-year contract with what he termed "A first-class organization with a winning tradition."

The Padres finished as high as fourth in the National League West only twice during Winfield's eight frustrating years. During that stretch, the Yankees won four American League East Division titles, Three pennants and two World Championships.

Winfield was introduced at a packed news conference, attended by teammates Reggie Jackson, Willie Randolph and Rick Cerone, manager Gene Michel, most of the coaching staff and many front-office personnel.

Terms of Winfield's contract were not disclosed but it was estimated for 8-10 years at anywhere from 1.3 million — 1.5 million dollar annually.

Winfield decided not to disclose the length of the contract, except to say that it was "definitely not the highest offer."

Yankee owner George St. Engelbrenner said Winfield would not be the highest paid player in baseball. "I think (Pittsburgh's) Dave Parker is higher right now, and there may be others."

Fashanu set to move to top European club

LONDON, Dec. 16 (AP) — He's big and black, brave and strong, and scores goals with remarkable consistency.

Justin Fashanu, Norwich City's 19-year-old centerforward, is English soccer's latest superstar.

Fashanu's meteoric rise to fame is the sort of story usually reserved for the comic books. Born to a West Indian mother and a Nigerian father, Fashanu grew up in the tiny Norfolk village of Attleborough with foster parents he still lives with.

Just two seasons after making his league debut — he chose soccer in preference to a potentially lucrative career as a heavyweight boxer — Fashanu is on the verge of a place in the England team and is valued by Norwich at £2 million.

Norwich, a small town club with limited ambition, has revealed that it does not expect to hold on to its top player.

Fashanu, bright and articulate, already has eyes firmly fixed on a career with one of Europe's top clubs.

He would prefer to stay in Britain, but admits: "If the chance came to join a top club in West Germany or Spain I would have to consider it."

Fashanu's 15 goals this season — he is the joint-leading scorer in the first division — have attracted more than a passing interest from both Nottingham Forest and Leeds United.

Leeds' offer of a paltry £800,000 was scornfully turned down by Norwich manager Ken Brown, while Nottingham Forest boss Brian Clough was alleged to have offered any player on his staff, with the exception of Peter Shilton, to secure Fashanu's signature for the European cup holders.

BAAB refuses Overt invite

LONDON, Dec. 16 (AFP) — The British Amateur Athletic Board made it clear Monday that they would not allow Steve Overt, the Olympic 800 meters champion and 1,500 meters world record holder to be used as a bargaining card.

Their move followed an invitation for seven top British athletes to compete in two Australian meetings, on February 3 and 8, but the offer was conditional on the availability of Steve Overt.

The board's reaction was to cable the

Britain eyes football fans

LONDON, Dec. 16 (AFP) — The British government is considering introducing tougher measures to combat Saturday afternoon hooliganism at soccer matches throughout the country.

Violence at soccer stadiums has become widespread in this country and Britain has earned a bad name in Europe after many unsavory incidents involving unruly British fans who have travelled abroad to watch British clubs play in European competitions.

More detention centers to which offenders are confined on Saturdays, and a complete ban on alcohol on coaches, trains and at all football grounds may be introduced within the next three months.

This followed a 90 minute discussion between British Home Secretary William Whitelaw and Minister for Sport Hector Munro with leading football authorities at the home office Monday.

However, corporal punishments for offenders, the withdrawal of passports and the issuing of national identity cards for all football supporters were considered most unlikely.

Clough, like many experts sees Fashanu as more than just a goalscorer.

He has remarkable ball control for such a big man and creates chances as well as he takes them. He also runs intelligently off the ball and is the sort of extrovert personality to bring the fans back to the terraces.

The goal he created for Joe Royle against Crystal Palace last Saturday underlined his running power and selfishness. He picked up the ball inside his own half and set off on a superb run, beating his man on the touchline before firing over a cross that left Royle with the easiest of chances.

It was simplicity itself.

Fashanu drifts to the flanks surprisingly often for an orthodox striker, but his runs often create acres of space for Royle to exploit.

His charisma and ability make him one of the most exciting players in the game and a public relations company is already moulding him into a product to be marketed in the same way as Kevin Keegan.

Fashanu hardly needs the guidance. He is already a polished, entertaining television interviewee, taking difficult questions in his stride.

It is hard to believe that a young man with such confidence and ability is still a teenager but Fashanu himself is unsurprised by his success.

He aims to be a millionaire by the time he is 26 and was quoted as saying, tongue firmly in cheek: "I believe every person is put on this earth for a purpose. Mine to be a superstar. I want to be the Muhammad Ali of soccer."

Justin Fashanu seems to have that ambition, and everything else, firmly under control.

Lendl honored

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AFP) — The Czechoslovak pair Ivan Lendl and Hana Mandlikova have been named by Tennis Magazine as the players whose game has made the most progress in 1980.

Lendl, 20, won six tournaments this year including the Swiss Open where he beat Wimbledon champion Bjorn Borg of Sweden in the final. He also played a prominent part in Czechoslovakia's Davis Cup victory.

Mandlikova, 18, also won six titles, including the recent Australian Open. She reached the final in four other tournaments, including the United States Open where she lost to Chris Evert-Lloyd.

Mrs. Lloyd herself, named the outstanding woman player in 1980, will not take part in the United States winter indoor circuit.

Mrs. Lloyd, five-times U.S. Open winner, said she would play in the Women's Masters at Washington from Jan. 7-12 but would then take a break from competitive tennis until the end of March.



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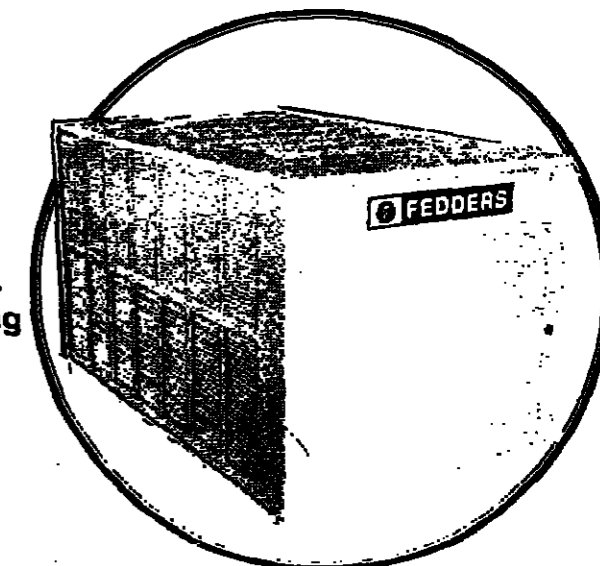
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In downhill-ski contest

Weirather grabs first

VAL GARDENA, Italy, Dec. 16 (AFP) — Young Austrian Harti Weirather fought in the downhill here against fog and a host of the world's best skiers to score his first World Cup victory.

Hot on the heels of his 1:52.96 minutes time were the winners of the season's first two world cup downhills, Austrian Uli Spies (1:53.09) and Switzerland's Peter Mueller (1:53.36).

Weirather, although only 22, is no Johnny-come-lately. He has three world Cup second place finishes to his credit (last year at Lake Louise and Kitzbuhel and here Sunday behind Mueller) and was fourth at Pra Loup and Wengen.

He had to contend Monday with fog, which forced the race directors to shorten the "saw-tooth" by 300 meters, and with a confident and speedy Mueller. The Swiss took off like a bullet and on his run had the fastest time for the first half of the course in 39.35, with Weirather third (40.12).

Mueller had the best time (1:13.00) further on, better than Spies's by 10 hundredths of a second, with Canada's Steve Podborski (1:13.31) and Weirather (1:13.34) not as rapid at this point on the course.

But Weirather took the two final turns, the final bump, and the final schuss perfect while

Nueller, "took air" on the jump and was lucky to land on his feet. The Swiss, so successful Sunday, said, "It's hard to keep your concentration two days in a row."

Mueller can console himself with his position as sole leader in the World Cup standings, with 65 points to 56 for Spies.

But looming behind them is Sweden's Ingemar Stenmark (50) who does not race in the downhill but will be back in action in the giant slalom at Ebnat Kappel in Switzerland on January 4.

American Andy Mill struck a hopeful note for the ambitious Americans with his fourth placing (1:53.80). As for the Canadians, who had been brilliantly successful in the first two downhills, Ken Read finished sixth, skiing well but not fast (1:53.90), while Steve Podborski whizzed easily over the famous "camel bumps" at the top of the course but then slacked off to end up tenth (1:54.26), more than a second behind Weirather.

World Cup Standings:	
1 — Peter Mueller (Sw)	65 pts
2 — Uli Spies (Aust)	56 pts
3 — Ingemar Stenmark (Swe)	50 pts
4 — Harti Weirather (Aust)	45 pts
5 — Leonard Stock (Aust)	41 pts
6 — Steve Podborski (Can)	36 pts
7 — Ken Read (Can)	35 pts
8 — Bojan Križaj (Yug)	26 pts
9 — Hans Enn (Aust)	23 pts
10 — Andreas Wendt (Lie)	23 pts

BRIEFS

BERLIN, Dec. 16 (AFP) — Moscow Olympic marathon champion Waldemar Cierpinski and Olympic gymnastics gold medalist Maxi Gnauck have been named East Germany's sportsman and sportswoman of the year by the young Communist newspaper *Junge Welt*.

The team award went to the East German men's handball squad, which also lifted the Moscow games gold. The awards were made after more than two million of the newspaper's readers had cast their votes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AFP) — New York Yankees have signed big-hitting Dave Winfield on a record \$15 million contract. Winfield, who also excels as outfielder, was understood to have signed a 10-year contract worth \$1,500,000 a year.

The 29-year-old Winfield played eight seasons for San Diego Padres and during that time averaged .284. The previous highest signing concerned the pitcher Nolan Ryan, who moved to Houston Astros last season for one million dollars a year.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 16 (AFP) — The final between Soviet Exile Victor Korchnoi and West German Robert Huebner, of the challengers tournament for

the World Chess Championship will start on Dec. 20 at Merano in Italy, the International Chess Association confirmed.

There had been rumors that the final would be postponed until Dec. 29, but the association said the draw would be on Dec. 20 and the first match would start on Dec. 21. The winning challenger will play world Champion Soviet Anatoly Karpov in 1981 for the title.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AFP) — Rick O'Shea has resigned as executive director of the United States Lawn Tennis Association. Mike Burns, executive secretary, will fill the vacancy until a new director is appointed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AFP) — The crack three-year-old *Niatross* has earned his owners more than two million dollars from trotting. The \$37,500 *Niatross* earned on Saturday from his 37th win out of 39 starts, over a mile at Toronto, brought his winnings to \$2,001,713 for owners Elsie Berger and Clint Galbraith, who is also the driver.

BARCELONA, Dec. 16 (AFP) — Former Dutch captain Johan Cruyff returns here for a football match Tuesday almost two years after saddening local fans by leaving for the United States.



WINTER SPORT: Swedish ski ace Ingemar Stenmark in action in the World Cup giant slalom ski race. He had placed first in the giant slalom event.

Watt, Kenty eyed

Nash picks next fight targets

LONDON, Dec. 16 (AFP) — Jim Watt, of Scotland, and Hilmer Kenty, of the United States, are the twin targets of the new European lightweight champion, Northern Ireland's Charlie Nash, from Derry, who regained his title in Dublin on Sunday night.

Nash, at 29-years, still has big ambitions and with Britain now being members of both the World Boxing Council (WBC) and the World Boxing Association (WBA), Nash could be the first boxer to benefit from the two possibilities of a world championship fight where only one existed a month ago.

Nash, who was decisively beaten by Watt for the WBC championship in Scotland last March, is likely to turn his attention to the WBA and hope that their title-holder, Kenty, will make a voluntary defense against him.

Nash, a Derry publican, and former British champion, is anxious for the fight to take place as soon as possible.

"I trained hard for the European fight so I am going to take a week off with my family and I then shall be back in training," said Nash Monday, adding "I will be ready for anything by March".

The Irishman, who was without the European title for nine months having given it up to fight Watt, firmly re-established himself on

a noisy Dublin Sunday night. He pointed out Spain's Francisco Leon on Barcelona, all three judges making him a clear winner.

Meanwhile, Colin Jones, the British welterweight Boxing Champion, retained his unbeaten record when he stopped Lemente Tshinza of Zaire in two minutes, 57 seconds of the third round of a scheduled eight round contest. Jones has now won all his 17 fights and this was the fourth he had won inside the distance.

In Houston, Texas, the once great Joe Louis was admitted to the Methodist hospital here after suffering from heart failure.

The former world heavyweight boxing champion, now 66, underwent heart surgery, but a hospital spokesman declined to say if another operation would be necessary. Louis reigned as world champion from 1937 to 1948 when he retired unbeaten after defending the title 25 times. In all, he won 68 fights and lost three.

He suffered his only defeat with the title at stake when financial problems made him attempt a comeback in 1950 against Ezzard Charles. The following year he endured a humiliating defeat at the hands of Rocky Marciano, another ill-advised venture.

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Contract Bridge B. Jay Becker

The Art of Wishful Thinking

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q2
♥ QJ 103
♦ A Q 104
♣ 972

EAST
♠ 1087
♥ K 94
♦ 82
♣ A K Q 53

SOUTH
♠ A K J
♥ A 7 62
♦ K J7
♣ 1084

The bidding:
South West North East
1NT Pass 2♦ Dble
2♥ Pass 4♥

Opening lead — jack of clubs.

Ordinarily, you are a defender twice as often as you are a declarer. Many players find defense a disagreeable chore that is not nearly as stimulating as being the declarer. Despite this, the fact remains that good defense is more important in the long run than good dummy play.

Let's assume you're East and partner leads the jack of clubs against four hearts. You don't have to be an exceptionally good defender to overtake the jack with the queen and continue with the A-K of clubs. West discards a low spade on the third round of clubs and the question is what you should play next.

Before attempting to answer the question, you first try to analyze what you already know about South's hand — based on the clues you've accumulated up to this point. You know from the play that declarer started with precisely three clubs and you know from the bidding that he has four hearts. (South might have five hearts, but that is not important at the moment.)

You also know, or should know, that South has the A-K-J of spades, ace of hearts, and K-J of diamonds! How do you know this? Because South opened one notrump (16 to 18 points) and had to have every one of those cards to have a correct notrump bid.

Does all this mean that you cannot beat four hearts, since you're aware that the trump finesse will work for declarer? You can't really answer that question at this point — because it depends on whether or not your partner has the eight of trumps!

And so, hoping for the best, as you always should, you lead another club at trick four. This works out beautifully when your partner, bless him, ruffs with the eight of trumps. As a result, you are now certain to make a trump trick and put the contract down one.

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake
FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1980

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈

Romance is exciting but iffy. Be realistic about travel plans. Advice about a financial matter may be off base. Avoid wishful thinking.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉

An innocent flirtation can backfire on you. It will be hard to keep activities secret now. Watch romantic fantasies.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊

You're easily distracted from work now. A friend can seem like a nuisance. Half of what you imagine now may not be true, especially about close ties.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋

Good intentions now are not enough. Higher-ups will be displeased if you fall short on the job. Make a concerted effort to succeed.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌

Visitors could overstay their welcome. The unexpected behavior of a close tie could change your plans. Be realistic on career goals.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍

Romance excites but can be detrimental if it interferes

with concentration. Uninvited guests may upset routine.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎

If you're extravagant, a close tie could be upset. Not a time to sign papers. Be extra careful in legal and financial affairs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏

Avoid office flirtations. Keep your mind on work. Someone may conceal the truth about a financial matter. Take nothing for granted.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐

You're in the mood for adventure but inclined to make a mistake. Watch outlandish behavior. Avoid escapism.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑

Be on guard in romance. You're impressionable now and easily deceived. Small domestic problems are likely. Friends seem erratic.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒

Watch manners in dealing with higher-ups. Too familiar behavior may rub someone the wrong way. Friends are prone to exaggerate or misrepresent.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓

A legal fee may be higher than anticipated. Keep your feet on the ground in career matters. Be alert for con artists or dishonest types.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Use an ax

5 Not her

8 Capital of Italy

9 Closed

13 Uttered

14 Computer term

15 Where Torrijos rules

17 State (Fr.)

18 Healthy look

19 Telegraphic sound

20 King's address

21 Treat for Fido

22 Give birthday party

24 Roughed up

25 "Some — Running"

26 Mend

27 Pugilistic name

28 Before

29 Whip

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35 Military command

37 French river

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39 All there

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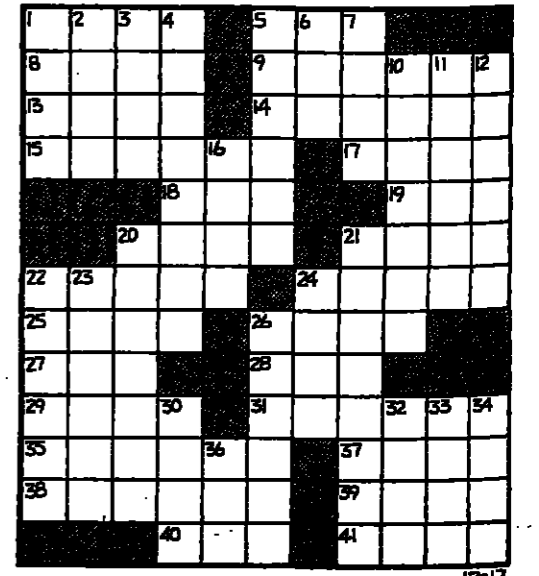
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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

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One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

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Yesterday's Cryptquote: IF I WISHED TO PUNISH A PROVINCE, I WOULD HAVE IT GOVERNED BY PHILOSOPHERS.—FREDERICK THE GREAT

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Arab news CALENDAR

DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Children's Show
5:22 All Star Soccer
5:30 Safety Film
6:49 Cartoons
7:14 Little House on the prairie
7:59 Last Resort
8:52 Channel 3 feature

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2:20 On Islam
2:30 A Chat and a Song
3:00 NEWS
3:10 Press Review
3:15 Music
3:20 Science Journal
3:30 A Selection of Music
3:40 —
3:50 Cutdown
4:00 Cutdown

BBC

Morning Transmission
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Give financial pledge, take hostages -- Rajai

TEHRAN, Dec. 16 (Agencies) — The United States can come and get its 52 embassy hostages held here "whenver it wants" once new "financial guarantees" are provided by Washington, Iranian Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai said Tuesday.

Rajai was speaking after a meeting with Ayatollah Khomeini, who authorized him to reply to the latest "clarifications" from Washington on its response to the Iranian conditions for releasing the hostages, held since Nov. 4 last year. The basic demands are a guarantee of American non-interference in Iranian affairs, the release of Iranian assets frozen in the United States, the dropping of U.S. court claims against Iran and the return

of the wealth of the late Shah.

Pars news agency also reported Rajai as saying that the Iranian reply had been prepared and would be sent to Washington through the Algerian delegation which is acting as intermediary in the exchanges. Though he did not give details, an informed source here said that a new shuttle by the Algerian delegation might not be necessary.

Rajai said he hoped for a speedy solution to the hostages problem. "We have merely asked for financial guarantees from the United States to be assured through the intermediary of the Algerian government, which protects our interests. Afterwards, they can come and get their hostages."



Prime Minister Rajai

Haig played 'loyal lieutenant' in Watergate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (LAT) — At the height of the Watergate scandal, Alexander Haig leveled a complaint at Senate Watergate investigators that may describe his present dilemma as President-elect Ronald Reagan considers him for the post of secretary of state.

"I was put into a position in the White House as public duty, which I had to do," Haig said, according to a transcript of his closed-door testimony on May 15, 1974.

"And because in the conduct of those duties I have been exposed to one or another piece of information, it now appears to some who do not know me that perhaps I am involved some way in an illegal conspiracy or worse."

Haig's role in the Watergate era, according to available evidence, was that of a loyal lieutenant who for most of his 16 months as White House chief of staff tried to save Richard Nixon's presidency from its ultimate disaster.

Untouched personally by the criminal taint of the Watergate coverup scandal, Haig nonetheless has been subjected to persistent questions about his conduct. He initially refused, for example, to answer scores of questions posed by the Senate Watergate committee and expressed White House concern to the Department of Justice about the scope of the investigation conducted by Archibald Cox, the first Watergate special prosecutor.

Haig was involved in Cox's firing in the "Saturday night massacre" of Oct. 20, 1973. He transmitted data to the FBI in 1969 for the secret wiretapping of 17 persons that became a House judiciary committee article of impeachment against Nixon. Shortly before Nixon resigned in August 1974, Haig privately suggested to Vice President Gerald Ford that Ford could pardon Nixon after assuming the highest office.

The question is whether those episodes are significant enough to prevent Haig's nomination to the Reagan cabinet, or if he is nominated, to deny him confirmation by the Senate. The former four-star general, in addition, might undergo Senate questioning about advice on Vietnam policies he gave Nixon and Henry Kissinger during the Nixon administration's first term. Some senators believe a former military man might be unsuitable as the nation's highest diplomat.

Emerging Friday from a meeting of Reagan's blue-ribbon panel of foreign policy advisers, Kissinger told reporters that Haig was "a great patriot" and would be "an excellent choice" to head the state department.

Kissinger said Haig served in the White House during "the worst constitutional crisis

in our nation. He ought to have the gratitude of the nation."

The Watergate committee initially summoned Haig for closed-door testimony on May 2, 1974, nearly a year after former presidential aides H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman had appeared at public, televised sessions of the committee. But Haig, who replaced Haldeman, refused to answer any questions, saying Nixon had invoked the doctrine of "executive privilege."

The committee wanted to ask Haig what he had known or done about a secret Nixon campaign contribution of \$100,000 in cash that representatives of billionaire Howard Hughes had given to Charles "Bebe" Rebozo, a close friend of the president.

After Haig's refusal to testify, committee members overwhelmingly adopted a resolution to compel his testimony, and Nixon relented. Appearing again later that same month, Haig said he knew little about the unreported cash contribution and had scarcely done more than give Rebozo the name of a good attorney whom Nixon knew.

Haig — in his only testimony to the com-

mittee — also said he had repeatedly complained to then-Attorney General Elliot Richardson that Cox, the independent special prosecutor, seemed to be dragging his feet on clearing Rebozo of any wrongdoing in holding the money although the Internal Revenue Service had finished its own inquiry.

Nixon's feeling that Cox had overstepped his bounds in several areas had led to his order that Cox be fired the previous October. But Haig told the committee, according to the transcript:

"I would want to make very, very clear that the Rebozo matter had nothing to do with the considerations and deliberations made with respect to Mr. Cox in that week of October.... My concern was that we bring Watergate to as rapid a conclusion as we could."

Haig was an intermediary in Cox's dismissal. William Ruckelshaus, the No. 2 man then in the Department of Justice, recalls that when Richardson resigned as attorney general rather than carry out Nixon's discharge order, Haig told him in military style: "Your commander-in-chief (Nixon) has given you an order."

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Palestinian people."

It said no state had the right to undertake any actions that could affect the future of Palestinians without the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) on an equal footing.

A separate resolution on Jerusalem strongly censured Israel's legislation declaring the Holy City, including the eastern sector occupied in 1967, to be its capital. By a vote of 143 to one against (Israel) with four abstentions (Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Malawi and the United States), the assembly called the legislation and related actions a violation of international law.

The U.N. body decided not to recognize the Jerusalem law and urged states and international bodies "not to conduct any business which is not in conformity with the provision of this resolution and the other relevant resolutions."

The Security Council in August strongly censured Israel's action regarding Jerusalem and called on all countries with embassies in the city to withdraw them. The 13 diplomatic missions in Jerusalem at the time have since been transferred to Tel Aviv.

Two other resolutions adopted Tuesday dealt with work of the U.N. Palestine Rights Committee. One, approved by 120 votes to three against (Australia, Israel and the U.S.),

with 23 abstentions, asked the committee to continue its work and to promote the implementation of its recommendations. It was authorized to send delegations to international conferences.

Another draft, adopted by 120 votes to four against (Australia, Canada, Israel and U.S.), with 23 abstentions, asked Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim to keep under review the question of strengthening the special body in the U.N. Secretariat which services the Palestine Rights Committee. It also noted with appreciation the action taken by U.N. members to observe Nov. 29 annually as the day of international solidarity with the Palestinian People.

Ambassador Ahmed Esmat Abdul Meguid of Egypt told the assembly his country supported all efforts to restore the legitimate rights of the Palestinians. But he abstained on the main resolution because it contained "certain negative references" mention in the preamble of an Assembly resolution last year rejecting Camp David and of Council resolution 242.

Israel categorically rejected the resolutions and in a published statement the Israeli Foreign Ministry claimed: "These resolutions drafted by the PLO purport, among other aims, to establish a Palestinian state, to invalidate the Camp David agreements as

Choppers rocket Abadan U.N. to rescue trapped ships

BEIRUT, Dec. 16 (AP) — Iran and Iraq said they traded artillery barrages and grenade-throwing forays in the rain-soaked marshlands of Khuzistan Tuesday as the United Nations readied plans to evacuate 70 foreign-flag ships from the embattled Shatt Al-Arab waterway.

War communiques also reported fresh hit-and-fly paratroop assaults on the snow-capped foothills of the Zagros Mountains in western Iran as helicopters gunships rocketed each other's positions around the oil refining city of Abadan, Iran's last stronghold on Shatt Al-Arab's eastern shore.

U.N. spokesman Rudolf Stauder said in New York two envoys from the world organization were currently in the Gulf area gathering information necessary to the final arrangements for the ship evacuation operation, which he described as "most difficult and complex."

Stauder said it was essential to determine that no mines, unexploded missiles or sunken ships were in the 193 km north-south waterway before allowing the stranded ships to sail out to the Gulf waters.

Iran and Iraq agreed in principle to let the trapped vessels leave under the Red Cross flag during an exploratory trip to the two

Afghans return to fray

NEW DELHI, Dec. 16 (AP) — Soviet generals sent Afghan troops into battle alongside their own soldiers recently against anti-Marxist fighters in Wardak province, central Afghanistan, and about 500 Afghans defected to the fighters side, according to a report from Kabul.

It was the first reported use of Afghan soldiers against the Muslim freedom fighters in recent months. Soviet leaders were said to have lost faith in the native soldiers the last few months after losing nearly two-thirds of the once 90,000-strong Afghan army to the fighters side or as casualties in fierce fighting.

nations made in November by U.N. special envoy Olof Palme. The former Swedish prime minister plans to make another trip early next year on a peace-making mission.

A nine-week mediation effort by Cuban Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmierca on behalf of the 94-nation non-aligned movement produced "nothing specific" toward resolving the conflict yet, he said.

Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr told a news conference in Tehran his nation would never consider a ceasefire before all invading Iraqi troops were driven out from Iranian territory. Bani-Sadr said this position was conveyed to the Cuban diplomat at the fifth shuttle he undertook to Baghdad and Tehran before launching a tour of Algeria, Yugoslavia and India to report on the outcome of his mediation efforts.

Poland invasion said sure to ruin European accord

MADRID, Dec. 16 (Agencies) — The United States, following up warnings by NATO has asserted here that Soviet military intervention in Poland would destroy the basis for European security and cooperation.

Western Communist delegates at the European Security conference were involved in clashes over Soviet policy in Eastern Europe as the 35-state meeting began a final week of debate before a Christmas recess.

"Every state must be free to decide its own future," U.S. delegate Warren Zimmerman said. "Nothing would so destroy the basis for security and cooperation in Europe as intervention by a military power against any state."

Although no country was directly named, American officials said the statement reflected Western fears that Moscow might interfere militarily in Poland. It followed warnings by the NATO alliance last week that a Soviet invasion would destroy détente.

Meanwhile, crowds of Poles began gathering outside the Lenin Shipyard Tuesday for the official unveiling of a history-making monument in honor of those who died in the country's 1970 food price riots.

Colombian jet hijacked

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 16 (AP) — A hijacked Colombian airliner landed at the Mexico City International Airport early Tuesday morning amid tight security measures. A control tower spokesman said the plane carried 16 guerrillas and 55 passengers.

The Avianca airlines plane was hijacked Monday afternoon shortly after it took off from Bogota with 129 people on board on a domestic flight.

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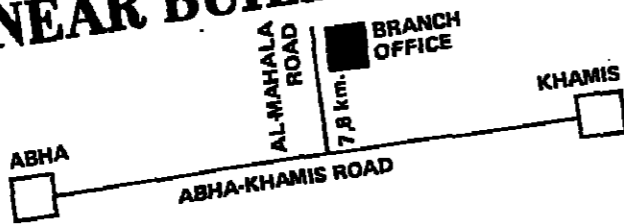
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